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Post-dated share deals may be allowed

By Khaled Ahmad

AUTHORITIES at the Kuwait Stock Exchange are currently studying the introduction of "options" system which will allow post-dated deals to resume.

The system is applied in several international stock markets and it will be adapted to Kuwaiti conditions. The new system is primarily designed to allow controlled post-dated shares sales, that will be necessary in a predicted stage of activity at Kuwait bourse in the near future.

Observers at the Kuwait Stock Exchange inked the introduction of the new system with the beginning of the investment funds, expected to start very shortly.

The new system also requires that the Kuwait Clearance House Co be ready to take up the clearance operations necessary for post-dated deals.

Brokers must also be technically prepared for the system.

The new system is based on the idea that the buyer will pay the value of the difference in price between the present market price of the shares and the post-dated price agreed upon with the seller. The Clearance Co. will keep the shares until the date agreed upon by the two dealers. This will enable dealers to circulate their money much more than in the normal buying of shares according to the present system. The new system does not require post dated cheques and will not lead to "involvements and entanglements" like what occurred previously in the Manakh. Both buyer and seller, according to the system should expect losing or making profits.

According to the new system, the buyer is not required to pay additional amounts in case the market price of the shares at the time of the post dated cheque drops to become less than the market price at the time of holding the agreement. If it goes up, the profit is for the buyer. The duration of the post dated deals according to the system is between one week and one year.

Financial experts told Seyassah/Arab Times that the new system will not be implemented before a long time and after lengthy studies.

Police suspect Sikhs Bomb kills 8 in Delhi



Police examine the scene of the bomb explosion. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW DELHI, June 12. (Reuters): A bomb packed with nuts and bolts ripped through the waiting hall of New Delhi railway station today killing eight people and injuring about 60, and police blamed militant Sikh separatists for the blast.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the explosion, but a police spokesman said suspicions pointed to Sikhs fighting for an independent homeland in Punjab.

"We suspect terrorists in the Punjab," the spokesman said. He did not say what evidence police had that Sikhs were responsible.

A police investigator said one of the victims was hurled into the 20-metre (65-feet) high ceiling of the cavernous waiting hall.

"The whole place was full of smoke and I thought the building was going to come down," one of the injured, Aghnu Singh, told reporters in hospital.

A hospital spokesman said many of the injured, who were rushed to hospital in cycle rickshaws and three-wheeler taxis, were badly hurt by flying shrapnel and some could die.

The waiting hall of the busy terminus in central Delhi was packed with around 1,000 travellers when the bomb exploded in a bedding roll or small case shortly after 10 am (0430 GMT).

Police said many people were saved from injury because they were lying or sitting on the ground and metal shrapnel packed into the time bomb passed over them.

City authorities said last week that Sikh militants might be planning to strike and they increased the number of night checkpoints on roads in New Delhi.

Last week was the fifth anniversary of an Army assault on Sikhdom's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, to root out militants. More than 1,000 people were killed and four months later militants took revenge by assassinating prime minister Indira Gandhi.

Although the capital is only 160 km (100 miles) from the Punjab, where extremist violence kills several people every day, it has only occasionally been hit by guerrilla attacks.

Chinese troops ordered to shoot

BEIJING, June 12. (Agencies): The Chinese government today gave police and soldiers throughout the nation the right to shoot "rioters and counter-revolutionaries" and banned all independent student and worker associations in its ongoing political crackdown.

Security forces made hundreds more arrests, including several leaders of independent labour unions, bringing the number of arrested to more than 1,000 throughout the country.

The government stepped up its criticism of the United States for letting leading dissident Fang Lizhi take refuge in the US embassy and broadcast photographs of both Fang and his wife, Li Shuxian, on national television.

"Don't let these people flee," an announcer said. "They are wanted for counter-revolutionary crimes."

With these new measures, the Chinese government intensified its crackdown on the pro-democracy movement. The hard-line campaign began June 3, when thousands of soldiers from the People's Liberation Army invaded Beijing, clashing with demonstrators. The government said most of the 300 who were killed were soldiers, but unofficial sources, including the US intelligence community, put the civilian death toll as high as 3,000. The government previously had said it would not suppress or arrest students.

The new developments also signalled that hardliners led by senior leader Deng Xiaoping have gained control of the government.

Soldiers continued to detain people on the streets of Beijing today. One Western diplomat described the situation in Beijing as a "cold terror aimed at cowering the population."

"Several of us have seen arrests made at gunpoint and police beating people in the streets," he said. "From what we've seen in the last few days, we can't seriously expect the police or troops to be fussy about who they shoot."

In a related development, Canada recalled its Ambassador to China, Earl Drake, for consultations to protest the killing of demonstrators. In Ottawa, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark said Drake was likely to be back in Canada by the end of the week.

Chinese media said that life in



Lebanese war victim

A large number of Beirut war victims, both Muslims and Christians are being treated at different hospitals in Kuwait. Picture shows one of the wounded Christian Lebanese being transported to Kuwait.

Iranian troops to guard embassy

EEC backs League team on Lebanon

BEIRUT, June 12. (Agencies): The commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards in Lebanon said in a report published today the 3,500-strong force in the Bekaa valley is there to protect the Iranian embassy in Beirut.

The commander, identified only as Sarhanki, told the independent An Nahar daily newspaper: "We are representatives of the Iranian embassy in Lebanon. We have come here to protect the embassy."

"If a war breaks out with Israel, guards will be dispatched from Iran to confront Israel," Sarhanki added. "But at the moment we are embassy guards. This was (Ayatollah) Khomeini's will."

Sarhanki did not explain how the 3,500 Revolutionary Guards based 40 miles (65 kilometres) from Beirut in east Lebanon's ancient city of Baalbek could protect the embassy in the capital's southern Bir Hassan district.

Khomeini's final days Rafsanjani again

NICOSIA, June 12. (AP): Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, whose political position has strengthened after Ayatollah Khomeini's death, was re-elected today for another one-year term, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said that 230 out of 241 deputies attending a special session of the Majlis, (parliament) voted for Rafsanjani.

One deputy voted against and there were 10 abstentions, IRNA said.

Rafsanjani, 55, who also is acting armed forces commander-in-chief, has served as speaker for the past five years.

His armed forces position was reconfirmed last week by President Ali Khamenei who was elected to succeed Khomeini as Iran's leader by an assembly of experts.

Khomeini died June 3 of a heart attack suffered 11 days after he underwent surgery to stop intestinal bleeding.

Rafsanjani, a political ally of Khamenei, is the only declared candidate in presidential elections due to be held Aug 18. Under the constitution, Khamenei cannot run for a third four-year term.

Constitutional reforms expected to give the president increased executive power at the expense of the prime minister are to be approved in a referendum being held on the same day as the presidential election.

He denied reports in local newspapers that the garrison would soon be pulled out of Lebanon.

An Iranian embassy aide declined to comment on the An Nahar report, which was published under the headline of Rafsanjani in the western Bekaa. He also refused to give Sarhanki's full name.

The guards, originally 3,000, were reinforced by 500 men last month. The contingent has been based in Baalbek since early 1983, months after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Their stated purpose was to fight with the Syrian Army against Israel, but Syrian troops did not engage Israeli forces.

The contingent has been preaching Khomeini's radical brand of fundamentalism among the Shiites in the Bekaa valley. It also operates a radio and television station.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem was quoted by the English-language Jordan Times yesterday as saying Iran has recently sent two regiments of regular troops to Lebanon.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad met Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi yesterday for talks on ending Lebanon's political crisis, diplomats said.

They had no details of the meeting. Ibrahim arrived from discussions in Beirut with leaders of Lebanon's rival groups, who are observing a shaky ceasefire in fierce artillery battles which erupted in mid-March.

The European Economic Community today threw its weight behind the three heads of state appointed by the Arab League to try to end the Lebanese civil war.

At a meeting in Luxembourg, the 12 EEC foreign ministers also called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon except United Nations peace-keeping troops.

The vice-president of the European Parliament arrived today on a fact-finding mission and met with Christian and Muslim leaders of Lebanon's dual government.

Christian Phalange Party re-elected its president, George Saadeh for his second three-year term today and chose new political members, most of them supporters of hardline right-wing militia.

Benazir's idea on democracy welcomed

ISLAMABAD, June 12. (KUNA): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said today her idea of association of democratic nations to promote and protect democracy in the emerging nations of the world had found favour with American authorities.

Addressing a press conference at the Parliament House here this evening on her US visit she said that senior American officials had welcomed the idea, which she propounded during her address to Harvard University.

Benazir said, before she left New York on way back home after her six-day official visit to United States she spoke to President George Bush on the telephones and informed him about the idea which she floated. She told him that she would send the outline of her idea to him from Pakistan for study.

But the administration officials, according to her, had already endorsed her idea under which emerging democratic nations would promote a democracy in which regular elections were held, people were free to express themselves, political parties were allowed to function freely and human rights and civil liberties were protected.

Answering questions on her novel idea Benazir Bhutto said lot of work had still to be done to give concrete shape to this idea. She said Pakistan would contact other countries to work out its details. This was going to be a rather slow process, she said.

About her American visit Benazir said it was "highly successful" and underscored a new trend of vitality in Pak-American relations.

As a result of her visit she had found bilateral relations between the two countries to be warm and friendly, she said.



'I used steroids'

TORONTO, June 12. Sprinter Ben Johnson admitted to a government inquiry today that he knowingly used banned steroids to build himself into the world's fastest man.

Rubbing his eyes and speaking at times in a stammer, Johnson confessed for the first time since being stripped of his gold medal at last year's Seoul Olympics that he was aware he was taking illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

His testimony was halted for a recess as he finished discussing his career up to 1983. He has so far testified about the 1988 games. (Reuters wirephoto)

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2 years jail term for couple

Maid dies in captivity

Doctor was never called

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced the couple to 10 years imprisonment each with hard labour to be followed by deportation.

The sentence was appealed and the Higher Court of Appeals, after lengthy deliberations reduced the sentence to two years imprisonment with hard labour for the wife and a two-year jail sentence for the husband with the provision that the husband could have his sentence suspended in lieu of submitting a pledge of good conduct along with a bail amount of KD2,000.

The Appeals Court was told that the couple locked the maid in a small room in their house under the pretext of preventing her from running away as she had refused to work for them. The maid had been recruited by the family, but after a few days on the job, the maid did not want to continue working with them.

After the maid was caught trying to escape, they locked her in a small room used for storing furniture. In protest, the maid went on a hunger strike to press her demands for a release. Her protests were unheeded and the couple continued keeping her locked in the tiny room.

The court was further told that the couple paid no heed even when they noticed that the maid's physical condition had been deteriorating to the extent that she could not walk. At no time, even after realising the extent of her failing health did the couple call for the services of a doctor.

During investigations, the wife said that under the advice of her husband, she had locked the maid inside the room. She admitted that the maid was in good health when they employed her. The wife further admitted to the public prosecutor that she had noticed that the maid prior to her death had not taken any food and had become very weak. She added, on the morning of her death, she heard the maid moaning. She then went out of the house and returned in the afternoon to find the maid was motionless.

She went on to state that she immediately phoned her husband to inform him of the condition of the maid. She added, she thought the maid must have injured herself while attempting to escape through the window of the small room.

The husband told the prosecution that he had noticed that the maid had gone on a hunger strike and attributed this to the fact that she wanted to press her demands for leaving the job. He admitted, he was aware that she was becoming very weak as each day passed and added on one occasion she fell on the ground and while trying to help her stand up he noticed that her hands were very weak. He said: "I did not take her to the doctor as I believed that her condition did not necessitate the services of a medical professional."

He added, on the day of her death, the maid showed signs of extreme weakness. On that day, his wife called him at his place of work to inform him that the maid was not moving. On returning home, he found that the maid had died, he said.

The report of the forensic medical examiner indicated that death was caused by internal bleeding and fractures to the ribs. Body weakness due to malnutrition also contributed to her death, the report said. Further, the report added, body weakness resulted in not having consumed food for a long period of time.

"The maid had simply turned into a skeleton," the report added.

The report commented that

Non-Arab Drs Uproar

ABU DHABI, June 12. (Reuters): Two leading newspapers in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) attacked the Health Ministry today over plans to recruit more non-Arab doctors.

The semi-official Al Itihad and the daily Al Khaleej launched a rare attack on a government body after the ministry said committees would visit India, Turkey and the Philippines to recruit qualified doctors and technicians. Indians are the biggest community in the UAE.

Karens kill 80 Burmese troops

MAE SOT, Thailand, June 12. (AP): Karen guerrillas killed up to 80 Burmese troops while holding off a fierce Burmese assault on a key jungle stronghold near the Thai border, Karen sources said today.

Heavy fighting was reported all day as 1,500 Burmese troops met with stiff resistance.

DAY BY DAY

WHEN one looks at Kuwait City one is surprised by the large number of TV antennae atop buildings. The view projected is indeed ugly.

I believe that each building should have only one central antenna for all apartments. In some advanced countries, there is only one antenna for a whole community in a given area that feeds all houses. When can Kuwait expect to reach such a level?

Why does the Municipality not intervene to allow only one antenna for each building instead of the present monstrosity of 10 atop each building?

Zahed Matar

Drugs prices plummet in US

Huge supplies, 6 million users

WASHINGTON, June 12. (Reuters): Despite Washington's war on drugs, huge supplies of cocaine have driven prices to record lows at a time when six million Americans are said to use the drug regularly.

"Trying to stem the flood is like trying to remove sand from a beach. No matter how fast you shovel, the next wave will wash it all back," said a US anti-narcotics official.

"No matter how much we bust, the stuff keeps coming."

Implicitly admitting failure, the latest government report on drugs in the United States said wholesale and retail prices for cocaine fell in 1988 to their lowest level for any year.

It said "Crack," a potent, smokeable form of cocaine, was still spreading in big cities and reported a rise in the use of cocaine-and-heroin concoctions known as "Speedballs."

Experts estimate that there are now over six million regular cocaine users in the US, a huge market for the Colombian drug conglomerates pumping cocaine into this country.

Hospitals treated more Americans for cocaine overdoses in 1988 than in any year on record, with a 30 per cent rise over the previous year and the trend

pointing up.

"Since 1984, there has been a five-fold increase in the number of cocaine-related hospital emergencies nationwide," said the report.

It was compiled by 12 federal agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the US Coast Guard and the Customs Service.

Its publication coincides with concerted efforts by Colombian-led international cocaine trafficking groups to cut overhead costs and diversify supply routes.

According to insiders on both sides of the drugs front, large seizures in the US over the past 18 months have failed to dent supplies but accelerated moves to establish new beachheads for assaults on the US market.

"Using seizures as a gauge of success is futile," commented a senior anti-drug agent. "You have to look at cocaine as a commodity which responds to market forces."

By that measure, the picture is bleak. The Miami wholesale price for a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of cocaine, a benchmark in the illicit trade, is now below \$11,000, down from around \$45,000 in 1983.

Imelda singin' in the rain — she loves him yeah, yeah, yeah

HONOLULU, June 12, (AP): Imelda Marcos has released her first record album — a collection of her ailing husband's favourite love songs — and her producer says a music video is not far behind.

The former Philippine first lady sang for votes in her husband's political campaigns for 20 years in her homeland, but she says the attention given her first stab at commercial success here has left her slightly overwhelmed.

"This is all so new to me, but it's nice to be recognised for something positive, something beautiful, like music," she said yesterday.

before a reception heralding the release of "Imelda Papin featuring songs with Mrs Imelda Romualdez Marcos."

Imelda, 59, said she agreed to join Ms Papino, a Filipina pop star who has 25 gold or platinum albums in her homeland, after recording some songs as a gift to her husband, Ferdinand, on their 35th wedding anniversary on May 1.

When the 71-year-old Marcos first heard the music, "his eyes slowly opened and he gave me a smile and he even blew me a kiss. It was everything to me," Imelda said, adding

that she might record another album at her husband's request.

"If Ferdinand wants some more love songs... if that's what will make him well and heal his wounds and lift his spirits, then I will sing all the hundreds of songs that I know."

Marcos remained in very critical condition yesterday at St Francis Medical Centre, but Imelda said her singing perked him up, and therefore she was unconcerned about criticism that she should not be making records while he lay dying.

"Now, I believe, music heals, beauty heals,

love heals," she said. "I know he will survive, he will prevail because he has love and he is loved."

Marcos, who has been hospitalised since January, suffers from massive organ failure complicated by a widespread bacterial infection. He remained on life support equipment last night.

The 12-song album features four solos by Imelda — including "Feelings" — and three songs sung in the Philippine language Tagalog — and a duet with Ms Papin, who produced the album.

"We're working on a music video and that should be out soon," said Ms Papin. "We're both really excited about how everything's turned out."

Although Imelda called herself "strictly an amateur," Ms Papin said she "has quite a nice voice — you'll be quite impressed."

The former first lady often sings for guests at her home in Hawaii, where the couple have lived since Marcos was ousted in 1986, and has entertained at public events honouring her family and even occasionally breaks out in song during interviews with the press.

Imelda said she was encouraged to sing as a young girl by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who was leading troops stationed on the Philippine island of Leyte during World War II.

MacArthur introduced her to American composer Irving Berlin, who was entertaining troops there, she said. Imelda said Berlin wrote a song called "Heaven Watch the Philippines" for her to sing at a military gathering.

"So there I was, presenting the song composed for my country by no less than Irving Berlin," she said.

Uno keeps silent on Geisha relations

TOKYO, June 12, (AP): Prime Minister Sushiro Uno, peppered with questions by parliament about allegations that he paid a Geisha to be his mistress, maintained a steadfast silence today on what he said was a personal matter.

Uno, chosen as Japan's prime minister less than two weeks ago because of his scandal-free background, repeatedly said he would not comment in parliament on the charges.

"This problem is a private problem, not one to discuss in this kind of setting," Uno, 66, answered when questioned about the matter in a session of the Lower House budget committee.

Last week, the magazine Sunday Mainichi broke with Japanese journalistic tradition and published a story quoting an anonymous 40-year-old woman as saying Uno paid her 300,000 yen (about \$2,100), a month for four months in 1985 to be his mistress.

The magazine's editor-in-chief, Shuntaro Tongoe, said he decided to print the article because he wanted to raise the issue of social ethics in politics.

Questioners from the Socialist, Democratic Socialist and Communist Parties pressed Uno today to answer questions about the story and said reports of the case were damaging Japan's international reputation.

At first, Japanese newspapers and television stations gave little coverage to the Sunday Mainichi report. But articles in overseas newspapers and the unprecedented questioning of Uno by a socialist lawmaker in parliament on Friday prompted a stream of stories and attempts by reporters to confirm the account.

Japanese news reports today said the governing Liberal Democratic Party was worried the issue would cost it votes, especially among women, in an election for half of parliament's Upper House this summer.

The party still is trying to recover from the Recruit Co. bribery scandal that forced former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and three cabinet members to resign and plunged the party's popularity to all-time lows.

Several prominent officials or their aides were accused of buying stock in a Recruit subsidiary at low prices, then making handsome profits when the stock went public. Recruit also allegedly tried to influence officials with campaign donations.

Enichi Nakao, chairman of the budget committee, chastised the questioners today for not following provisions in the parliament law that forbid impolite and personal questions.



Fang: surprised



A Chinese woman places a call to the reception desk inside the American embassy in Beijing. (Reuters wirephoto)

'These events are very important'

Old leaders must go: Fang

BEIJING, June 12, (AP): The following are excerpts of an exclusive Associated Press interview with dissident Fang Lizhi conducted in English at his Beijing apartment on June 2, just days before he sought protection at the US embassy.

The interview was conducted after the declaration of martial law in Beijing to quell a public uprising for a freer society and one day before the People's Liberation Army indiscriminately fired on pro-democracy demonstrators.

Q: What is your assessment of events in China now?

A: These events are very important. This is the first time students, intellectuals and ordinary people know they have the right to criticise the government.

Q: Were you surprised by the number of people who joined the protest?

A: Yes, I only expected students and intellectuals and a few workers, but I was very surprised there were so many ordinary people (who) joined. That means they've already approached that stage where the people demand political reforms.

Q: What about the immediate effect?

A: In the short-term, I don't think we can easily change a lot. Maybe to change a small step is

possible. For instance, this time we can get a little bit of freedom of the press.

Q: What do you think will happen in the long term?

A: In the long term, we need the older generation of the leadership to go, like (senior leader) Deng (Xiaoping). If they leave, the situation will be better. More democracy.

Q: At a government demonstration two days ago they burned you in effigy. What is your reaction?

A: (laughs) For me personally, it's a joke. But I should say the government doing that is something like 20 years ago (when) Mao (Tse-Tung) set out the Red Guard. That is dangerous.

You know, somebody asked me about my safety. I think it's about half-half. If the government organises something like the Red Guards, then I'm in danger.

Q: Are you worried about this?

A: Yeah, maybe, but I don't think this time will be as easy as Mao's time.

Q: Why have you been quiet during the demonstrations?

A: Even if I keep quiet the government still says I'm the head of the... demonstrations. If I join the student demonstrations, the government can very easily say this demonstration is organised by Professor Fang. Because (Chinese leaders say)

only very few persons like Professor Fang demand democracy, demand human rights.

Q: The government has indicated you are behind the demonstrations. Is this true or false?

A: False. I'm never involved in the organisation. Of course, I have a very strong influence spiritually. You know, some student leaders before the demonstrations often came here. Since the hunger strike (that began May 13) they've never been here. The students know I completely support them, but they don't want to show some connection.

Q: Are you concerned another crackdown on intellectuals is coming?

A: Yes. Deng and other leaders always want to crack down on liberal intellectuals.

Q: Has there been any pressure on you from authorities?

A: No direct pressure.

Q: How about indirect pressure?

A: Last week I visited Shaanxi province for a meeting. The security members watched me very closely. If I took a car, two cars followed. If I took a bus, two cars followed. Even if I went sightseeing, many security members followed. I'm very honoured. (laughs).

US prisoners of war in Vietnam: monk

TOKYO, June 12, (UPI): A 65-year-old Buddhist monk who claims he saw several American prisoners of war in Vietnam before his own release from a Vietnamese prison in January suffers from hallucinations, his daughter said today.

The daughter of Iwanobu Yoshida, who was held as a

political prisoner in Vietnam for 13 years, cast doubt on stories that her father saw American POWs in Vietnam as recently as this year.

"Recently he has started having hallucinations," said Keiko Takatsuka, 37, in a telephone interview from her home in Sapporo.

Takatsuka, who said she believes her father did see America POWs, added that he is weak and must be kept away from reporters because of his hallucinations.

A US military attaché held two half hour interviews with Yoshida in his hospital bed in Sapporo yesterday to determine if he actually saw American POWs.

The contents of the interviews were cabled to Washington in a confidential report today, the embassy spokesman said.

UN conference to endorse screening of Vietnam refugees

GENEVA, June 12, (Reuters): The fate of thousands of boat people from Vietnam hangs in the balance at an international conference opening tomorrow, with the world pondering whether refugees should be forced to go back home.

The two-day meeting in Geneva, sponsored by the United Nations, has been called to endorse a new action plan for handling the refugees.

The plan includes tough screening procedures by South-East Asian countries

where the boat people land, to see if they really fled political persecution or just left home to earn a better living.

The screening process, started by the South-East Asian countries two years ago without world endorsement, reduces to 10 per cent the number of refugees eligible for resettlement.

The tough new line is a major shift by the world community in the way it views the refugees.

Under an agreement reached in Geneva 10

years ago, boat-people lucky enough to survive pirate attacks, exposure and starvation were granted automatic refugee status pending resettlement elsewhere.

"Declining intake by resettlement nations, a sudden upsurge in arrivals caused this hardening of the asylum policies of the region and called for a reassessment of the 1979 assumptions," said Sergio Vieira de Mello, head of the Asia department in the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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Troops ordered to shoot rioters

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Beijing had returned to normal. Indeed, all the bus lines were running and banks were open. Side streets to Tiananmen Square, closed since the military sweep June 3, and the Forbidden City, closed since May 20, were set to open tomorrow.

However, posters had begun appearing asking for information about relatives, sons and daughters lost during the violent crackdown and its aftermath.

A climate of fear spread through the capital. Chinese began refusing to see foreign journalists and reported that their workplaces are launching a movement to ferret out those who participated in the pro-democracy demonstrations.

In a statement foreshadowing a possible purge in the ruling Communist Party, Beijing Vice-Mayor Huang Chao called on every party organisation to look at the movement "as a severe test for every Communist Party member."

The Ministry of Public Security said police and soldiers throughout China should use their weapons against "rioters and counter-revolutionaries" to curb criminal activity, defined as events that disrupt social order.

The order marked the first time that police and soldiers nationwide had been given the right to fire on protesters. Security forces in Beijing were ordered to take "whatever measures necessary" to enforce martial law ordered May 20.

In its first criticism of a specific Chinese leader, US said today that if Deng "was responsible for the brutal attack... then he has acted to undercut the very reform process he sought to foster."

The State Department also said in a statement that China's efforts to label political opponents "counter-revolutionaries" would not change the fact that large numbers of peaceful demonstrators were killed by troops in Tiananmen Square.

The Bush administration also indicated today it would not permit Chinese authorities to arrest Fang and his wife, Li.

"When a person presents himself to one of our embassies and says he is in imminent danger and we have reason to give it credence sometimes we grant refuge," a US official said in Washington.

The statement by the US official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, indicated that any attempt to arrest Fang and Li would be resisted.

Britain told China today that it remained committed to handling Hong Kong over to Chinese rule in 1997 but could not conduct normal business "as if nothing had happened" in Beijing.

The Foreign Office said it warned Song Mingjiang, China's top diplomat in Britain, that it was "gravely concerned" about the detention of Hong Kong student Yao Yongzhan at Shanghai airport yesterday, and raised allegations that the Chinese embassy in London was intimidating Chinese protesters.

European Economic Community (EEC) foreign ministers agreed today that normal ties with Beijing were impossible because of the violent repression in China.

At a meeting in Luxembourg, ministers agreed to do all possible to extend the visas of Chinese studying in the EEC countries, but short of taking further action against Beijing beyond an existing freeze on high-level contacts.

"The 12 consider it is not feasible to maintain normal relations in these circumstances," said a spokesman for Spain, the current incumbent of the rotating EEC presidency.

An official at the Chinese embassy in Canberra is seeking political asylum in Australia, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

Chinese students are using an international access computer network to exchange thoughts on their homeland with other colleagues around the US.



Chinese troops patrolling the Avenue of Eternal Peace near Tiananmen Square. (Reuters wirephoto)

Movement crushed but spirit lives

HONG KONG, June 12, (Reuters): China's democracy movement has been crushed by the nation-wide crackdown but its spirit will live on, students and workers around the country said today.

A student at a Shanghai law institute, contacted from Hong Kong by telephone, said student leaders and workers have vowed to one day resurrect the movement despite the huge number of arrests in recent days and threats of harsh punishment.

The student campaign of the last two months for more representative government and an end to official corruption won the hearts of millions of people throughout China before the June 4 military assault on

demonstrators in central Beijing. "In all China's big cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, Chengdu, Canton and Wuhan the government has banned all students' and workers' unions, classifying them as the 'counter-revolutionary cliques'," the student said.

In the past few days, state television has repeatedly warned people against participating in "illegal activities" and told all those who took part in the independent unions to give themselves up or face arrest.

The Shanghai student said intellectuals and protesters had turned to engaging in underground activities, keeping people informed of their struggle for freedom.

ABC hides faces of students

NEW YORK, June 12, (AP): The US television network ABC, seeking to protect its Chinese sources from being arrested, covered up the faces of students who provided firsthand descriptions of the Army killing protesters in Tiananmen Square.

ABC shielded the students' faces on its Sunday Evening News programme after a man who was interviewed by the network last week was arrested. The government-controlled Chinese network had intercepted raw footage of an interview that ABC crews in Beijing sent to New York.

The Chinese network on Saturday broadcast more than a minute of tape that never was shown by ABC.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bush's proposals

WASHINGTON, June 12, (AP): President George Bush today unveiled a sweeping legislative proposal to cut acid rain pollutants and curb smog plaguing the nation's cities.

The President's proposal calls for a 10-million-ton reduction in sulphur dioxide emissions, a chief cause of acid rain, from coal-burning power plants.

Other measures include a phase-in of cars powered by methanol, aimed at curbing ozone-causing emissions from motor vehicles, and a requirement for industry to use new technology to curb the release of cancer-causing and other toxic chemicals.

Space plane

PARIS, June 12, (Reuters): US, Japanese and European aerospace groups with dreams of flying at up to 20 times the speed of sound are racing to build a plane that can fly in space, according to aviation experts at the Paris Air Show.

Hypersonic space-planes which will fly from Paris to Tokyo in two-and-a-half hours are already coming off the drawing boards and entering the engineering workshops, they add.

Isolation measures

BELGRADE, June 12, (AP): President Janes Drnovsek has endorsed an appeal that isolation of

people in troubled Kosovo region be terminated immediately, a Belgrade daily reported today. Eight prominent Slovenian communist veterans published an open letter to Drnovsek in Slovenian media last week, likening the isolation measures to actions taken "in fascist countries or during (years of) bloody Stalinist terror."

US jet crashes

TOKYO, June 12, (AP): A US Marine FA-18 Hornet jet fighter crashed into a mountain in southwestern Japan today, but its pilot parachuted to safety, the US military said.

There were no reports of injuries to Japanese residents or major damage to forests after the plane hit the mountain in Ehime, on the southwestern main island of Shikoku, said a Japanese police official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Ten killed in clashes

MANILA, June 12, (AP): Four people were killed in a rebel attack on a town hall, raising to 10 the number slain in weekend clashes between soldiers and guerrillas, the military said today.

A military report said communist New People's Army rebels launched three offensives on Saturday around the country, wounding 11 soldiers and civilians. No rebel casualties were reported.

Police arrest dozen South Korean students

SEOUL, June 12, (AP): Police today arrested about a dozen radical students protesting a police raid on their school last week to seize pro-North Korea propaganda material.

About 600 students of Sogang University in Seoul tried to march to a police station near their school after a campus rally protesting a pre-dawn police raid on their school last Friday.

About 1,000 riot police with interlocked shields blocked the march and arrested about a dozen students. No injuries were reported.

As part of a sharper crackdown on anti-government movements, police had raided the Jesuit-founded school and seized more than 2,000 pieces of propaganda material for the 13th World Youth and Student Festival to be held in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, July 1-8.

A radical South Korean campus group, the National Council of Student Representatives, has vowed to join the festival in defiance of government ban. The festival is a sports and cultural event mainly for students

from third world and communist nations.

At nearby Yonsei University, about 400 radical students had confronted police before dispersing voluntarily in two hours. The arrested by police last Saturday in violent anti-government street demonstrations.

In Pusan, 800 students from two universities, hurling rocks, clashed with riot police, denouncing the government ban against joining in the Pyongyang festival, the Yonhap news agency said.

Filipinos getting tongue-tied over national language squabble

MANILA: As her son leaves for the United States, a mother starts to weep. "Please don't cry," the son says. "I'll be back."

"Oh, it's not for you that I shed tears," she answers. "I'm afraid that American officials will now come to ask me questions in English. And I will be ashamed when I can't understand them."

This is a new joke in the Philippines, and when told last month by a politician using a local dialect, it provoked a big but nervous laugh from an audience.

But it also revealed a growing uneasiness among Filipinos toward a

language that was once the "mother tongue" in this former American territory.

Since Corazon Aquino came to power in 1986, the unease has become intense due to a new drive to propagate the national language, known as Filipino. The Philippines is home to eight main language groups, scores of dialects, and a strong legacy of both English and Spanish from four centuries of colonisation.

Many leaders worry that boosting the use of Filipino will hasten a long-term decline in English and erode a unique advantage for a poor Asian country.

Last week, the governing board of the state-run University of the Philippines was expected to approve a plan to convert all university courses and teaching materials from English to Filipino. Many departments, especially on the main campus near Manila, have already begun to use Filipino as the medium of instruction.

Officials hope to have all-Filipino teaching within a "reasonable time."

The switch is more than academic. The language question cuts across other contested issues, such as the future of the American military presence, economic dependence, and the very meaning of being a Filipino.

And it's just one of the latest efforts to unite the Philippines — a nation of more than 7,000 islands — under a common indigenous tongue. For five decades, successive governments have tried with little success to make Filipino the lingua franca.

The term Filipino, which once referred to those in the Philippines of Spanish ancestry, is the word given to a government-created language based largely on the vernacular of one regional group, the Tagalogs, who are native to areas near Manila. It's a spoken language, used between friends and relatives, but hard for many Filipinos to use in scholarly

work or speeches.

In 1986, when a new nationalism arose among Filipinos after the ouster of President Ferdinand Marcos, an anti-English and pro-Filipino movement was launched, led by the faculty at the University of the Philippines. The news media also jumped on this bandwagon. Compared to the Marcos era, more TV newscasts are now in Filipino than English.

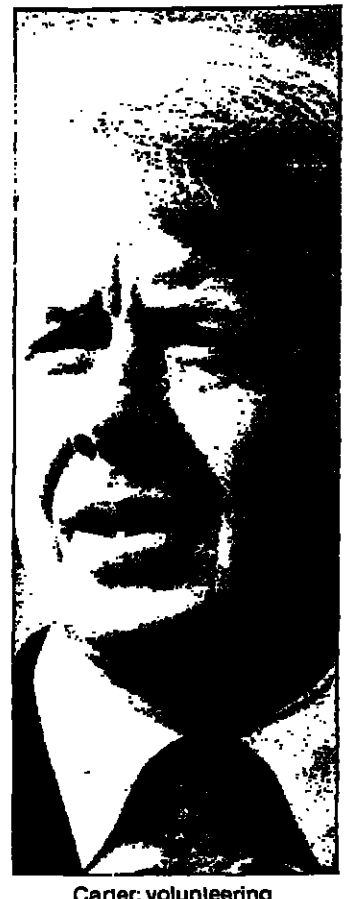
"Nationalism has really caught on," says the university's president, Jose Abueva. "English has been a barrier to our unity. We had been brainwashed by the Americans to think English is superior. But most Filipinos just

don't feel comfortable speaking it."

Critics say the university will back-track eventually when its attempt at social engineering turns out "second-rate" graduates. But advocates say that once English is regarded as a truly "foreign" language, it will be studied more intensely.

The university's professors accelerated their efforts this year after being disappointed with half-hearted support for Filipino by Aquino.

"The government has been pussyfooting on the language issue," says Bienvenido Lumbera, a professor of Philippine literature. "We are trying to put the issue to rest."



Carter: volunteering



Sir Ron?

Former US President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy wave from their limousine after arriving at London's Heathrow Airport Sunday amid rumours that Queen Elizabeth may award him a knighthood and the right to call himself 'Sir Ron'. Highlights of the four-day private visit will include dinner at 10 Downing Street on Tuesday with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, a friend and close ally during his two-term presidency which ended last January. On Wednesday he will visit Buckingham Palace for lunch with Queen Elizabeth. Some conservative members of parliament have urged Thatcher to recommend Reagan for the award. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dead victim's family spots rape suspect

INGLEWOOD, California, June 12, (UPI): A man suspected of raping two women and a teenage girl in their home and shooting them execution-style, killing one, was spotted by family members on their way to a funeral home and arrested, authorities said yesterday.

J.C. Metoyer, 19, whose grandparents are neighbours of the victims, was arrested on Saturday by police flagged down by Sarah Laurena's family, Lieut

John Frazier said.

The relatives of Laurena, 19, were on their way to a funeral home to view her body when they spotted Metoyer about five miles (8 km) from the scene of the shootings, Frazier said.

The relatives flagged down a police car and the officers approached Metoyer, confirmed his identity and held him for Inglewood police, Frazier said.

Several unmarked Inglewood police cars were patrolling the

area because informants had said Metoyer was in the area, Frazier said. He earlier had been seen a few miles away.

Metoyer was booked on one count of murder and three counts each of robbery and rape. He was held without bail yesterday and detectives said they would take the case to prosecutors tomorrow for filing of charges, Frazier said.

Laurena was returning to the home she shared with a 32-year-

old woman, the woman's 14-year-old daughter and two other children on June 3 when she was confronted by a gunman who forced her inside.

The intruder ordered both women and the 14-year-old to disrobe and then bound them. He then raped the victims. After collecting assorted loot into a pillowcase, he herded the victims together and shot each three several times in the head before fleeing.

Reactions to anti-drug TV adverts are mixed

WASHINGTON, June 12, (AP): A fried egg sizzles and burns on the television screen as an ominous voice intones: "This is your brain on drugs."

Another ad depicts a medical machine recording the active brain waves of a typical 14-year-old followed by the somewhat deadened brain waves of a 14-year-old after smoking marijuana.

The advertisements are brought to the US screen by advertisers who have voluntarily collaborated on the efforts, and by TV networks that have provided millions of dollars worth of free air time.

But do they work?

Some — including the Media Advertising Partnership for a Drug-Free America and its sister organisation, the Advertising Council — maintain they are effective in changing public attitudes about drug use. Others say they are a waste of money.

Don Des Jarlais, an epidemiologist who works with heroin and cocaine addicts in New York City, said when the addicts do refer to the ads, it's "derisively."

"They're not aimed at addicts," he said. "They're aimed at people not using or casual users. The preliminary data I've seen indicate they do change some attitudes, but in terms of actually changing drug use, that remains to be seen."

Peggy Charren, president of Action for Children's Television, said the money spent to make and broadcast the public service ads could be better spent on education.

The "just say no" ad effort promoted by the Advertising Council "seems to me the kind of campaign that kids who are dealing in drugs laugh at," she said.

"It's not that I think these (advertisements) are damaging," Charren said. "What's damaging about it is that it makes the society feel we're doing something. It makes the ad industry feel it's OK to advertise the products of their clients in programmes that glamorize crime in the streets, violence against women and the culture that gives rise to drug dealing."

South American drug dealers have been making increasing use of Cuban airspace and territorial waters for US-bound narcotics deliveries, an activity that US officials say suggests the collaboration of Cuban authorities.

Cuba is directly in the flight path between Colombia and South Florida and the number of suspicious northbound flights through Cuban airspace has gone up over the past several months, according to administration officials.

The Coast Guard also has detected an increase in air drops of drugs into Cuban territorial waters. The cargo is then picked up by speedboats for delivery to US ports, the officials said.

"Over the past six months, there have been increasing reports of specific incidents," one official said.

'Permissive' mother blamed Killer sues victim's mom

PITTSBURGH, June 12, (UPI): A former college student convicted of stabbing a woman 20 times during a date has sued his victim's mother in a suit alleging the daughter was raised in a permissive manner that ultimately led to her death, officials said yesterday.

Darrell van Mastrigt, an ex-student at Carnegie Mellon University serving a mandatory life term in the death of Jeanne Goldberg, filed the suit Friday in Common Pleas Court in Pittsburgh.

The suit seeks more than \$20,000 from each of the six defendants named, including Goldberg's mother, and asks for a new trial for Van Mastrigt, who went to the university on a music scholarship. He was convicted in a 1987 trial, and subsequent appeals have failed.

"It sounds like he's reaching for straws," said Benny Varner, a captain at the State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, the maximum-security prison 150 miles (140 km) east of Pittsburgh where Van Mastrigt is being held.

Van Mastrigt said in the suit he prepared himself that Goldberg enticed him into attending a fraternity party by promising him liquor and marijuana would be available. The pair stayed at the party until they were "stumbling and staggering" from alcohol and marijuana, the suit alleged.

Van Mastrigt told detectives he and Goldberg,

who was a Robert Morris College student, had sex in the back seat of her car and went to a park, where he stabbed her 15 times in the chest and five times in the neck and then left her body in a secluded suburban grove.

An autopsy showed the victim's blood-alcohol level was 0.40. The state's definition of intoxication is .10.

Van Mastrigt alleged in the suit that he suffered unspecified "personal injuries" because Stella Goldberg raised her daughter "to mould and conform with her beliefs of substance abuse."

The suit said Goldberg did not deter "her daughter's behaviour of inflicting recklessness, carelessness and wanton and willful disregard for the health, safety and well-being of others that she came in contact with."

The suit said Jeanne Goldberg's behaviour ultimately led to her own death.

Stella Goldberg has filed a pending suit herself against Van Mastrigt, the fraternity and the university for negligence in the death.

The suit also named as defendants Carnegie Mellon University, Delta Tau Delta national fraternity and its local chapter, the victim's estate and Brian Goldberg, a CMU student who was with the pair at the fraternity party. Brian Goldberg is not related to the victim or her family.

This is the sixth year Carter, a skilled carpenter, has joined Habitat as a volunteer. He said it is "an opportunity to serve God and do something about the quality of life," for some people.

"Habitat is one of the very few deeply religious commitments that are available to even me, a former president, to let you bridge that enormous chasm between the vast majority of Americans who have never really suffered, who have always had a decent place to live," he said.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

ROME: Celebrities including novelist Alberto Moravia and film director Lina Wertmüller are taking sides in a hot Roman debate over a proposal to fence off the famed Spanish steps.

Tourists and young lovers have for centuries relaxed and flirted on the marble stairs rising from the Piazza di Spagna. But local merchants say it is now a rundown hangout.

Luxury shirtmaker Gianni Battistoni says his shopworkers group in the Via Condotti would gladly help pay to renovate the worn 18th-century stairs — if they are closed at night.

Reactions have ranged from enthusiasm to horror. (UPI)

WASHINGTON: US President George Bush turns 65 years old on Monday and joins 31 million other Americans who are eligible for retirement and a government pension.

He'll spend the day announcing proposed sweeping legislation to clean up the nation's polluted air. Then he will board the presidential jet to visit one of America's most pristine Western settings, the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

Perhaps because he followed the oldest president in US history, Ronald Reagan, little attention has been paid to Bush's age.

He is 15 years younger than Reagan, who was 77 when he exited the Oval Office.

But at 64, Bush was the fourth oldest man ever inaugurated as president, behind Reagan (69), William Henry Harrison (68), and James Buchanan (65). (AP)

LONDON: Actors and campaigners fighting to save the remnants of Shakespeare's Rose Theatre in London gathered at the 16th century playhouse on Sunday to stage "The Greatest Show on Earth."

A cast of performers including Glenda Jackson, Vanessa Redgrave, Timothy Dalton, dame Judi Dench and musician Sting presented songs, sketches and extracts from Shakespeare before an audience of several hundred.

The Rose, where Shakespeare is thought to have acted and where several of his plays were staged, faces a crucial week as the government decides whether to safeguard its future by giving it national monument status. (Reuter)

HARARE, Zimbabwe: American movie star Clint Eastwood, in Africa to make a film on hunting, expressed hope yesterday that his movie will encourage the conservation of elephants and other wild animals.

Before going to remote northwestern Zimbabwe for eight weeks of filming, Eastwood said that his movie will carry a message encouraging the hunting of big game animals for ivory or souvenirs.

"I think it is better in the long run to have animals alive than dead trophies," he said. "I personally will not buy ivory for this reason."

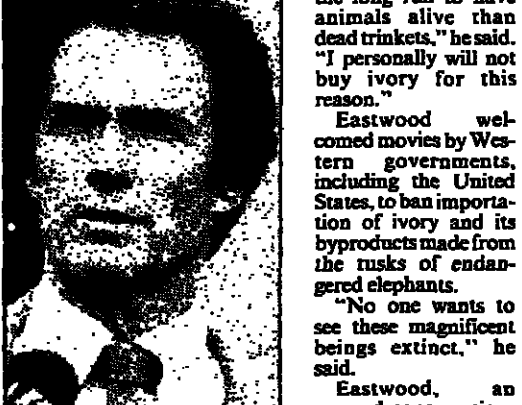
Eastwood welcomed movies by Western governments, including the United States, to ban importation of ivory and its byproducts made from the tusks of endangered elephants.

"No one wants to see these magnificent beings extinct," he said.

Eastwood, an avowed conservationist, arrived from France on Saturday. He was scheduled to travel on Tuesday to Kariba, 380 kilometres (240 miles) from Harare, to produce, direct and play the lead in the Warner Bros movie, "White Hunter, Black Heart."

The film, which has a budget of \$13 million, is based on American writer Peter Viertel's 1955 novel set during the filming of John Huston's 1952 movie, "The African Queen," starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn.

Eastwood's movie tells the story of Huston's desire to kill an elephant. (AP)



Clint Eastwood

LONDON: Barbara Bush has written to English schoolchildren about her dyslexic son, Neil, to cheer on their efforts to overcome the learning disability.

Officials at Edington School at Burle Hill in Somerset, which specialises in education of dyslexics, said pupils received a reply from the American first lady after writing to congratulate her on her husband's inauguration.

Mrs Bush's letter said her son had "special remediation, just as you are having. Today, Neil has a graduate degree and runs his own business. The President and I are enormously proud to have such a wonderful son."

Dyslexics have difficulty in reading and spelling. (AP)

MOSCOW: The Soviet Union will sell its outdated military hardware, including tanks, to the economic sector at discount prices, the Defence Ministry says.

The official Soviet news agency Tass quoted a spokesman for the main armoured forces department of the Soviet Defence Ministry as saying the discount would be as much as one-third of the original price.

In an interview with the weekly Argumenty i Fakty, spokesman V. Romanov was quoted as commenting on the work of a special state commission, which, he said, discussed possibilities of using outdated military hardware, including T-55 tanks, in the country's economy. (AP)

KINGSTON, Jamaica: A magistrate has delayed until July 18 the cocaine-possession trial of Jamaican-born singer and film star Grace Jones.

The trial has been delayed because the defence said a government forensic expert had not been subpoenaed and was not present.

It was the second postponement of the trial. Earlier, the case was put off because a policeman did not appear in court to testify for the prosecution.

Jones, 37, is charged with possession of 0.18 grams (0.006 ounces) of cocaine.

She was arrested April 8 while vacationing in Jamaica and working on a new album with her husband, reggae producer Chris Stanley. (AP)

LAS VEGAS: The Moral Majority, the influential right-wing religious political lobbying group, is being disbanded after a decade, founder Jerry Falwell said Sunday.

"Ten years later, we've come here to announce — mission accomplished," Falwell told a meeting Sunday of the religion newsmen's association. "While the work of Moral Majority will go on forever, the Moral Majority organisation is no longer needed."

Since its founding in 1979, the Moral Majority had become one of the leading groups espousing a return to "traditional values." The group's agenda included legislating prayer in public schools and outlawing abortion. Much of that agenda remains unfulfilled. (AP)

Soviet teen wins Van Cliburn piano contest

FORT WORTH, Texas, June 12, (AP): Alexei Sultanov, a 19-year-old Soviet noted for his aggressive, crowd-pleasing performances, won the eighth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition yesterday.

Sultanov was the youngest of the 38 competitors in the contest, which began May 27. He shook hands with Van Cliburn, the Fort Worth pianist for whom the contest is named, and host Dudley Moore.

Jose Carlos Cocarelli, a 30-year-old Brazilian making his second appearance in

the competition, won the silver medal. Benedetto Lupo, a 25-year-old who now teaches in the Italian city where he grew up, was awarded the bronze medal.

As the bronze medalist was announced the crowd erupted in wild applause and shouts of "bravo." Sultanov was given a standing ovation.

The three medalists were chosen from six semifinalists in the quadrennial competition. All six finalists were required to play a concerto with the Fort Worth Symphony

Orchestra and one with the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra.

All three medalists played Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor in addition, Sultanov and Lupo played Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor and Cocarelli chose Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor.

The winner of the competition receives a gold medal, \$15,000, a Carnegie Hall debut recital, concert tours and free air travel.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Emergency landing

BOGOTA, June 12, (AP): Four people died and 12 were injured yesterday in the emergency landing of a small aircraft with 20 people on board, officials said.

A spokesman for the Civil Aeronautics Agency of Colombia said the plane, a Canadian-made Twin-Otter operated by the private domestic company Aerocasa, was forced to land on a bank of Casanara river, near the eastern Venezuelan border, because of driving rain. It had been enroute from Bogota to Tame, 350 kms (220 miles) to the east.

France-US visas

PARIS, June 12, (UPI): France and the United States will stop requiring tourists visas from each other's citizens for vacation and business travel beginning on July 1, government officials announced today.

The decision, announced by the Foreign Ministry and the US embassy, applies to tourist or business trips of less than three months. The measure does not affect diplomats, journalists on special assignment, students doing coursework abroad, or airplane and ship crews, a ministry spokesman said.

Arms probe

BONN, June 12, (Reuters): West Germany said today it would investigate reports that staff in its export control office waved through questionable deals involving arms-related shipments and advised firms how to bypass regulations.

The Economics Ministry was responding to a report yesterday in the weekly news magazine Der Spiegel that Bonn's export regulators had slackly interpreted guidelines and improperly approved shipments of arms-related materials, above all to Iraq.

Girl's body found

TOKYO, June 12, (AP): A third young girl from the same suburban Tokyo area has been found killed, police said today. A fourth girl from the area has been missing since last October.

The latest victim of a series of killings since last August was identified today after an autopsy on a dismembered, naked body found yesterday near a cemetery in Hannu, on Tokyo's outskirts.

Police said she was Ayako Nomoto, 5, who had been missing since last week.

Polish election

WARSAW, June 12, (UPI): Polish Radio-TV chairman Jerzy Urban yesterday acknowledged the Communist Party's disastrous election showing but said an agreement with Solidarity nevertheless calls for Poland's new president to be a party member.

Solidarity officials said no such agreement was made.

Concert disrupted

PRAGUE, June 12, (UPI): Czechoslovak authorities twice disrupted a concert by American singer Joan Baez on Saturday night by switching off the microphones after she invited a banned singer on stage to perform, activists said yesterday.

Baez met with nine activists from the human rights monitoring group Charter 77 in Prague before travelling to the Slovakian capital of Bratislava to perform at a music festival.

Mosaics verdict

INDIANAPOLIS, June 12, (AP): All the arguments have been put forward in the case of four Byzantine mosaics that ended up in this prairie city. Now, the judge is pondering a decision that could have a stunning impact on art museums nationwide.

The Republic of Cyprus and the Autocephalous Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus are demanding the return of four sixth-century Christian mosaics. Taken from a church in northern Cyprus in 1979, the works were purchased by Indianapolis art dealer Peg Goldberg last summer.

Hashish seized

ALMERIA, Spain, June 12, (Reuters): Spanish police said today they had found 1.5 tonnes of hashish on a Maltese-registered yacht off the southern Spanish coast near Almeria over the weekend.

The drug was hidden in plastic containers, apparently so it could be thrown overboard and hidden at sea if necessary. The crew of three, all Maltese citizens, were being questioned.

US specialists

MOSCOW, June 12, (AP): US burn specialists flew into the Urals on Sunday to treat victims of a mammoth gas explosion that engulfed two Soviet passenger trains in a fireball one week ago.

Official media said the toll in the tragedy now exceeds 400 deaths, with more expected. "We are close to the most critical stage for patients," Russian Federation Health Minister A. Potapov told the government newspaper Izvestia.

Izvestia said only 32 of the 805 people hospitalised following the June 4 blast had recovered sufficiently to be discharged while another 114, including 28 children, had died.

Pleaded guilty

PRETORIA, June 12, (AP): Three white African National Congress saboteurs pleaded guilty today to 10 charges of terrorism 30 minutes after their trial began.

The so-called Broadbroom Three had been charged with 26 counts, including 14 attempted murder charges in connection with setting a bomb under a South African Air Force passenger bus in March, 1988.

Food poisoning

LONDON, June 12, (KUNA): A food poisoning epidemic is threatening Britain this summer, experts warned here today.

And the warmer the weather, the worse it could be, they fear. The number of outbreaks has risen by 60 per cent over the same period of last year, despite numerous warnings about the dangers.

Soviets quietly shifting foreign policy

WASHINGTON, June 12, (AP): A Soviet defector has been telling US government agencies some of the inner secrets of the little understood Kremlin body that plays a key role in charting Soviet foreign policy.

Under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the International Department of the Communist Party Central Committee has shifted course, loosening its ties with Marxist parties in the West and cultivating relations with other less radical elements, said the defector, Evgeny Novikov.

"Gorbachev started to promote the principles of his 'new thinking,' to find new clients, sometimes at the expense of old clients, to find parties and groups that have influence in capitalist countries," Novikov said in a recent interview with the Associated Press.

The new approach has brought the Soviet Union closer to American and Western European environmental and peace groups that agree with Gorbachev's approach to disarmament and attempts to lessen international tension, said Novikov.

Because his work in the International Department centred on Arab and Middle Eastern affairs, Novikov declined to speculate on which Western groups were sympathetic to Gorbachev's new approach.

US intelligence officials, who said they were not familiar with the specifics of Novikov's case, confirmed that Novikov's description met their understanding of the International Department.

The International Department, for which Novikov worked from 1970 until his defection last

year, was the successor to the Comintern, or Communist International, or later the Cominform, disbanded by Josef Stalin in 1947.

The Comintern was the main organ of Kremlin influence on communist parties outside the Soviet Union, a means of molding political platforms and sometimes recruiting intelligence agents.

The International Department shares with the Foreign Ministry responsibility for formulating Soviet foreign policy, which is decided by the ruling politburo, Novikov said.

Ryzhkov flies to Uzbekistan

Riots escalate

MOSCOW, June 12, (Agencies): Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov flew to Uzbekistan today to try to calm ethnic strife between Uzbeks and Meskhetian Turks that continues to spiral virtually out of control with rioters defiantly attacking military patrols, the official Tass news agency said.

As Ryzhkov travelled to the stricken region Soviet authorities stepped up the emergency airlift of the threatened Turkish minority flying some 1,990 people out of the Central Asian republic to safety in European Russia.

Tass said Ryzhkov, the Kremlin's troubleshooter in the Chernobyl nuclear accident in April 1986 and the Armenian earthquake of December 1988, flew to Fergana in Uzbekistan along with politburo member Viktor Chebrikov.

"They are to consider questions of normalising the situation in the Fergana region, a scene of inter-ethnic disturbances over the past weeks," Tass said.

Tass said violence had now spread to the city of Namangan, another major regional centre, about 40 miles (65 km) north of Fergana where thousands of Uzbek youths seized the local railway station and rampaged through other areas of the city centre stoning militia and police who finally ousted them. Some 28 people were arrested and an undisclosed number of rioters and police were injured.

In the nearby town of Kokand two motorcyclists opened fire on an army patrol with sawed-off shotguns before troops returned the fire killing one of the riders and wounding the other.

In nearby Margilan another person was shot dead when attempted to steal an army rifle, Tass said.

The news agency said the situation in Fergana was still "tense" today even as Ryzhkov arrived.

The Pravda Communist Party newspaper said that Soviet aircraft yesterday evacuated 1,990 Meskhetian Turks from a disease-ridden refugee camp west of Kokand to escape continuing anti-Turkish pogroms by the Uzbeks.

"They were evacuated to the central regions of the country," Pravda said, giving no further details.

The newspaper said four helicopters loaded with troops headed off a column of several hundred Uzbeks who were marching on the camp armed with automatic rifles. In the firefight two Uzbeks were killed and five wounded. There was no word of any military casualties.

The continuing anti-Turkish pogrom by rival Uzbeks has left more than 100 people dead and up to 1,000 injured, newspaper and television reports said yesterday.

Fall

The account in the Communist Party daily was the first official report of troops killing rioters in more than a week of arson and murder in the Central Asian republic.

More than 9,000 Soviet Interior Ministry troops brought into the Fergana valley have failed to halt attacks by increasingly well-organised and armed gangs of marauders, officials say.

Col Y. Nychayev of the Interior Ministry told Pravda about 400 "extremists" boarded a column of cars and trucks on Saturday evening and tried to reach a camp housing almost 2,000 Meskhetian Turk refugees in the mountains near the city of Kokand.

The last report of Soviet troops killing civilians was April 9 in a clash with pro-independence protesters in the southern republic of Georgia. At least 19 people died. Georgian activists have said the protesters were unarmed, but the Uzbek mobs are reported to have automatic weapons, Molotov cocktails, stones and pitchforks.

Reports conflict over the reasons for the prolonged rioting. Much of the violence has been directed against the Meskhetians, who were forcibly deported to the area from their homeland in Georgia in 1944. But police stations, government buildings and stores have also been attacked.

Pravda said today that "gangs of bandits, not even masquerading any more under the guise of 'nationalist zealots,' are continuing to maraud, rob, burn and murder, not caring which nation's property" they pillage.

Rioters have torched hundreds of homes and other buildings, leaving about 1,000 people injured.

"We think that the extremists' actions are guided by interested leaders with mercenary goals, which they use vile methods to achieve," Nychayev, deputy chief of the Interior Ministry's political department for troops, told the military newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda.

Interior Ministry officials have blamed the attacks on outside agitators who came pouring into the valley in cars and trucks. Minister Vadim Bakatin called them opponents of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms, which have included a crackdown on high-level corruption in Uzbekistan.

Uzbek activists, however, point to rampant unemployment, harsh living conditions in the impoverished cotton-growing republic and worsening pollution as the deeper causes for the violence.

"The human rights' situation in the Soviet Union has improved 'substantially,'" a spokeswoman for Amnesty International said today in a radio interview that coincided with the arrival in West Germany of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

10,000 arrive so far

Expelled Turks jam border crossing

ANKARA, June 12, (Reuters): Hundreds of ethnic Turks expelled from Bulgaria jammed the main border crossing into Turkey today.

A Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman said at least 3,000 ethnic Turks, including many women and children had arrived in the past few days, bringing the total since May 26, to just over 10,000.

Turkey plans to set up two more tent cities for them near one which opened yesterday about 70 km (45 miles) from the border. The three encampments will be able to house 25,000 people.

Ankara says Bulgaria is deporting ethnic Turks for resisting a forcible assimilation campaign, including shedding their Muslim identities.

Bulgaria denies the existence of a Turkish minority. It says they are Bulgarians whose ancestors were forced to convert to Islam during 500 years of Ottoman-Turkish rule.

"Bulgaria is trying to pressurise Turkey but it will never see a Turkish government say 'send us

no more of our people,'" Turkish State Minister Erucum Konukman told reporters.

Bulgaria has not replied to a Turkish call for a negotiated emigration pact to safeguard the properties of those who leave as well as the rights of those who choose to stay behind.

Customs houses at the Kapikule border crossing, 200 km (125 miles) west of Istanbul, were jammed with people. Television showed women, babies and old people sitting on suitcases and bundles of possessions awaiting formalities.

Konukman said those deported included many women, children and aged people. "Obviously they are non-productive elements of the ethnic Turkish population," he said.

"A number of people believed to have been sent in for spying purposes have been returned to Bulgaria," Konukman added.

A senior Foreign Ministry official said the mass expulsion was not an East-West matter but a human rights issue.



Crowe: first visit

Soviets, US sign non-use of force deal

MOSCOW, June 12, (AP): The United States and Soviet Union signed a formal agreement today to prevent "dangerous military activities" like the accidental overflight of one of the other's territory by a warplane from sparking open conflict.

The accord was signed at a Defence Ministry ceremony by the Soviet Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Gen. Mikhail S. Moiseyev, and Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff, who began an official 11-day visit earlier in the day.

In remarks prepared for the event, Crowe called the agreement, the fruit of nine months of negotiations between top US and Soviet officers, an unprecedented effort to develop procedures "intended to diminish tensions and dangers associated with military activities."

He hailed the 19-page accord as proof of how far relations have advanced in recent years toward "a more sustainable, larger relationship between our countries."

Before joining Crowe in a champagne toast, Moiseyev said the accord, which takes effect on Jan 1, would make it possible for the United States and Soviet Union "to solve all the problems they share in a more constructive way."

The agreement, intentionally limited in scope, does not treat some of the areas where military incidents have occurred between the superpowers, such as the shooting death of a US Army major in East Germany in 1985 and the bumping of two US Navy ships by Soviet vessels in the Black Sea last year.

The accord covers the accidental straying of military units into other country's territory, the hazardous use of laser range finders that could blind the other country's soldiers or sailors, hampering each other's military operations in a tense area, like the Gulf during the Iran-Iraq war; and interfering with each other's command and communications networks.

US Air Force Maj. Gen. George L. Butler, vice director of strategic planning on Crowe's staff, told a news briefing following the signing that the agreement spells out radio frequencies and code phrases for contacting military aircraft, ships or ground units that stray into the territory of the other superpower.

However, Butler, who led the US negotiating team for the agreement, said it would not affect some of the areas where the superpowers' military forces have come into conflict in the past.

Bush's arms cut plans welcomed

Gorbachev visits W. Germany

BONN, June 12, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev today welcomed US proposals to cut military manpower in Europe and said they could accelerate an East-West agreement on reducing conventional arms.

In prepared remarks from a speech on the first day of a landmark visit to West Germany, Gorbachev gave his first response to a proposal by US President George Bush to cut US and Soviet troops in Europe to equal levels.

"There is more reason to believe now that agreement in Vienna may be reached much earlier than previously thought," Gorbachev said, referring to East-West talks on conventional forces in the Austrian capital.

The Soviet President and Communist Party chief appeared to be responding directly to the US administration, which last week urged him to answer its new initiative on conventional forces while he is in Bonn.

Bush's proposal, made at a summit of the NATO military alliance in Brussels last month, would force the US to withdraw about 30,000 soldiers from Europe and the Soviet Union 325,000, according to US estimates.

Gorbachev said he was pleased that the new US offer displayed readiness to reduce Western offensive armaments and not just demand reductions from the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact.

But in his speech, at a dinner given from him by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, he also referred to the Bush proposal as a response to Warsaw Pact initiatives on reducing conventional arms.

For the first time, Gorbachev said, Kremlin disarmament initiatives had been met "with a serious and specific response, rather than suspicious and dismissive criticism."

"It means there is a growing understanding of the urgent need to reverse the process that has



Gorbachev (left) accompanied by Genscher (right) waves after his arrival at Bonn Airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

made Europe the most militarised region in the world, over-saturated with arms and armed forces," he said.

However, the Soviet leader also expressed concern that the United States continued to pursue a policy of nuclear deterrence, saying he favoured the complete abolition of nuclear weapons.

He reiterated a Soviet proposal for the immediate opening of East-West negotiations on short-range nuclear weapons (SNF), also known as tactical nuclear arms.

"We are convinced that there is no reason to postpone negotiations on tactical nuclear arms," Gorbachev said.

Gorbachev said the Soviet Union was not persuaded by a proposal by NATO at its Brussels meeting that such negotiations should only come after reductions in conventional forces are under way.

But he praised the Kohl government, which also favours speedy talks on short-range nuclear weapons, for using its influence to push a reluctant NATO into accepting SNF negotiations even on conditional

terms.

The United States and Britain initially ruled out such talks but compromised at the insistence of the Kohl government, which was responding to public pressure to reduce SNF rockets, mostly deployed on West German soil.

Gorbachev, on his first official visit to West Germany where opinion polls rank him as the most popular politician, arrived today from Moscow as ethnic unrest racked Soviet Uzbekistan.

Tass news agency reported that Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov had flown to the Central Asian republic, where at least 100 people have been reported killed in more than a week of riots.

Gorbachev's programme has been streamlined to allow blocks of free time that West German officials believe he will use to keep in contact with Moscow from the Soviet embassy.

Tomorrow, Gorbachev and Kohl will sign a joint declaration on the future of their bilateral relations. Kohl's foreign policy adviser Horst Teltschik said it would be the first Moscow country signed with a Western country.

Mandela resilient but lonely

Birds are his friends

JOHANNESBURG, June 12, (Reuters): Most afternoons when the warden and cook have gone for the day Nelson Mandela sits and watches the birds flying around his prison garden.

Mandela, physically fit at 70 but lonely in his secluded bungalow jail, says he welcomes the creatures as his friends.

A portrait of the South African black nationalist leader, jailed 25 years ago today for plotting to overthrow white rule, was provided by a visitor who spoke to him for 3-1/2 hours at his luxury prison at Paarl near Cape Town on Thursday.

"In the afternoons he pulls up a chair on the veranda to watch the birds chattering and flying about," veteran political activist Amma Cachalia, 58, said.

"They're great companions to him," she said. "He said 'I have a few real friends here... some of them even come right up to me.'"

"He looks forward to that every afternoon. That's an indication of how lonely he is," she added.

Mandela's associates say he feels isolated because he is denied contact with colleagues in South African jails.

Mandela is in his 26th year of captivity. When he was jailed on June 12, 1964 he was already serving a five-year sentence imposed in 1962 for leaving the country illegally and for inciting a strike.

The court jailed him for life, which for political offences in South Africa means imprisonment until death.

Mandela was sent to Robben Island, an offshore prison near Cape Town, where he was forced to break rocks for more than 12 years before being moved to the mainland.

After 9,612 days in detention Mandela was transferred to Paarl last December after being treated for tuberculosis.

Cachalia said two white orderlies arrive at the bungalow at seven every day to cook and organise domestic chores. They leave at four pm.

"After that he's completely on his own until the next morning. He says he thinks the birds know when

he's alone because they fly down to see him after the orderlies have gone," she said.

Mandela is not allowed a telephone. Security men constantly patrol around the former prison warden's house, which has a view of dramatic mountain scenery.

"The place is spotlessly clean. He has a lovely home, even though it's a prison," Cachalia said. "But the worst thing for him is not talking in person with his people."

"His one wish is the liberation of the people of South Africa. He's very, very much hoping that there will be negotiations between the government and the ANC (African National Congress)."

Mandela was a founder member of the military wing of the outlawed ANC, the main organisation fighting white rule.

His move to Paarl was widely seen as a step in a phased release. There has been speculation that he might be freed after general elections in September. Pressure on Pretoria to release him has increased because his detention has become the main obstacle blocking the government from political dialogue with the voteless black majority, foreign relations and trade sanctions.

The government says it will free him if he renounces violence, but Mandela refuses.

Cachalia said he does not expect to be released this year, but was nevertheless in good spirits.

"He has fully recovered from the illness and physically he's back to his normal old self. He's even put on some weight," she added.

Cachalia, who visited Mandela with her husband Yusuf, said that apart from a brief visit last year they had not seen him since 1962. Dressed in a double-breasted suit with a red tie, he remained a commanding presence, although gentle and soft-spoken, she added.

"He reads a great deal, he writes, he listens to the radio, he has a television and a video," Cachalia said. "He's still very lonely."

Mandela was awarded the first Khaddafy Human Rights Prize yesterday and ANC received prize money of \$250,000.

Activists mourn missing community leader

JOHANNESBURG, June 12, (Reuters): Human rights activists held a memorial service yesterday for a black South African community leader missing since police reported he had escaped from detention a year ago.

Fifty activists, foreign diplomats, clergymen and liberal politicians gathered at a public hall in Mamelodi black township near Pretoria to mourn Stanza Bopape, a charismatic community organiser in his mid-20s, witnesses said.

Bopape worked as Mamelodi Civic Association general secretary and as a researcher at the Community Resource and Information Centre (CRIC), which teaches negotiating and administration skills to trade unions and youth groups.

"His friends, family and colleagues continue to search for him, but they fear he may have died while in police custody," a statement published in newspapers.

Police have denied that he died in their

custody and have urged members of the public to inform them if Bopape is seen.

Jan van Eck, an opposition Democratic Party Member of Parliament, described Bopape's case as an indication of the risks faced by detainees in South Africa.

Bopape was detained by police on June 9, 1988 under section 29 of the Internal Security Act, legislation used especially for the interrogation of persons suspected of security offences.

Quayle visiting Central America

GUATEMALA CITY, June 12, (Agencies): US Vice-President Dan Quayle yesterday began a four-day tour of four Central American nations where he is expected to denounce Nicaragua's government and lobby for the ouster of Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Quayle, who was scheduled to arrive in Guatemala City at 1400 GMT, will also visit Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras - Washington's three staunch allies in the strife-torn Central American isthmus.

Nicaragua's Panama have been excluded from the Central American voyage of Quayle, who will be visiting the region for the second time since he assumed office on Jan 20.

On Feb 3, while returning from Venezuela where he attended the inauguration of President Carlos Andres Perez, Quayle stopped over in El Salvador for seven hours to meet with the then President Jose Napoleon Duarte and urged Salvadoran armed forces and rebels to respect human rights.

In Guatemala City yesterday, the army, the National Police tightened security across the capital. Similar measures were being taken in other Central American countries in anticipation of Quayle's voyage.

Quayle's visit comes in the wake of increasing violence in El Salvador, where rebels have been waging a nine-year-old armed struggle against the US-backed Salvadoran government. The war has cost about 70,000 lives, mostly civilians.

Since the beginning of this decade, the US government has pumped about \$3.5 billion in economic and military aid into the tiny El Salvador.

While preparing his Central American tour, Quayle on Friday condemned the assassination of Jose Antonio Rodriguez Porth, El Salvador's newly inaugurated President Alfredo Cristiani's chief of staff. Porth and his two bodyguards were slain Friday morning as he was leaving his home for an early morning meeting with Cristiani.

"The trials to kill democracy in El Salvador," said Quayle in Washington during a picture taking session in his West Wing office with the diplomatic envoys of El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

Diplomatic sources said that during his tour, Quayle will denounce Nicaraguan government and lobby for the ouster of Panama's de-facto ruler Gen. Noriega who has been indicted on drug trafficking charges in the United States.

Quayle will also discuss advances made by the Central American peace accord, signed in 1987 by the region's five presidents, as well as a Honduran plan to disband an estimated 11,000 US-backed Contra rebels, most of whom are camped along Nicaragua's southern border in neighbouring Honduras.

Hundreds of cheering supporters turned out yesterday in Managua to greet Alfredo Cesar, a Contra rebel politician who returned from a seven-year exile to compete in national elections set for next year.

Cesar, 38, arrived yesterday morning at Managua's International Airport and said he would join the Social Democratic Party, one of 13 opposition parties in a recently-formed coalition, and work in favour of a single-yet-to-be-chosen anti-Sandinista candidate to run in the election.

"I am here to break the stigma that governments in Nicaragua are changed only by bullets," said Cesar, who at the request of Sandinista officials signed a document in which he vowed not to back the use of force against the government.

Maoist guerrillas killed a mayor in small town in the central Andes in Peru, police said yesterday.

The Shining Path guerrillas overran the town of Ajij, 190 miles (320 kilometers) north of Lima.

6 shot dead during anti-Indian protest

Tamil Tigers arrive for talks

COLOMBO, June 12, (Agencies): Six people were shot dead and 10 others wounded by police and soldiers today during demonstrations against the presence of Indian troops in Sri Lanka, police said.

The unrest appeared related to President Ranasinghe Premadasa's June 1 call for some 60,000 Indian personnel to leave by July 29, the second anniversary of New Delhi's deployment of troops in the northeast to defuse a Tamil revolt.

New Delhi refused the call, saying it will withdraw the troops when the Indo-Sri Lankan accord had been fully implemented.

Colombo retorted that a key condition on the peace plan was that Sri Lanka can demand the troops depart, just as they were invited to deploy.

Officials claim many protests have been anti-government and organised by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), a militant group from the majority Buddhist Sinhalese community, whose insurrection this year left more than 2,000 people dead.

Little Kayathiri missing

Where is she?

THE international human rights organisation Amnesty International (AI) has started a campaign to discover the whereabouts of a 10-year-old Sri Lankan girl who disappeared after her arrest in 1987.

According to eye witnesses, Kayathiri Vino Sangarathnam, from the Nallur Jaffna District, was arrested on Nov 12, 1987 with her mother and two older sisters by members of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) stationed in Sri Lanka.

The family was apparently suspected of being sympathisers of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, an armed secessionist group.

A relative who inquired after the family at an IPKF camp on the same day was briefly detained herself, and said she saw Kayathiri in detention although she could not speak to her.

However, the IPKF authorities have repeatedly denied that Kayathiri or her family are in their custody, and relatives' appeals to Sri Lankan and Indian authorities have brought no response.

Since 1983, AI has recorded over 800 cases of "disappearance" in Sri Lanka.

The vast majority involve people reportedly arrested and kept in unacknowledged detention by the Sri Lankan security forces, but since the signing of the Indo-Sri Lankan accord in July 1987 the IPKF are also alleged to have been responsible in several dozen cases.



Kayathiri: missing

Police reported more than 3,000 protesters gathered in Katupotha town, 80 miles (130 km) northeast of Colombo, and chanted slogans calling for an Indian pullout.

Members of the crowd shot at officers and soldiers, who returned the fire, killing six protesters and wounding 10 others, police said.

Indian soldiers were sent to Sri Lanka nearly two years ago to enforce a peace pact aimed at ending a separatist insurrection by guerrillas from the Tamil ethnic minority. The largest Tamil group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, refused to surrender arms and started attacking Indian soldiers in addition to the Sinhalese civilians who had been the chief targets of their bush war and massacres since 1983.

India accused Sri Lanka today of setting an unrealistic deadline for the pullout of 45,000 Indian troops from the island and said they would be withdrawn only on mutually agreeable terms.

An Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman told reporters the July 29 date set by Colombo for a withdrawal had created uncertainty on the island.

"We have seen several recent statements issued by ministers and officials in Sri Lanka — some fixing unilateral and unrealistic time-frames for the IPKF's (Indian Peace-Keeping Force's) withdrawal," he said.

Speaking hours after police in Sri Lanka shot dead six people during a demonstration calling for the Indian troops to leave, he said Colombo was responsible for the safety of Indian nationals on the island.

The Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman said withdrawal depended on Colombo developing powers to an elected provincial council in the Tamil strongholds of the north and east and ensuring the safety of the minority Tamil population.

"The withdrawal schedule of the IPKF can only be decided by mutual consultations as has been done until now and not through unilateral deadlines."

More than 850 Indian soldiers have died in counter-insurgency operations against LTTE guerrillas.

In recent weeks, however, the Tigers and the Sri Lankan government have begun direct talks in Colombo.

Two senior LTTE leaders arrived yesterday in Colombo for a second round of peace talks with the government scheduled later this week, a rebel source said.

The source said Anton Balasingham and Lawrence Thillak, the political negotiators of the LTTE flew into the capital from London by a commercial flight.

The source said the two were taken from the airport to a private residence but refused to disclose the location.

Balasingham, a Sri Lankan born British citizen, was the member of a rebel team that held the first round of negotiations with government last month.

Tibetans protest massacre

NEW DELHI, June 12, (UPI): About 200 Tibetan refugees marched through the Indian capital today chanting slogans in solidarity with China's pro-democracy activists and calling for an end to Beijing's "colonial rule" of their Himalayan homeland.

The Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies, a refugee government-in-exile, organised the protest.

The 200 participants, many brandishing placards declaring, "our solidarity with the Chinese students" and "We are against the Chinese government, not against the people," sat listening to speakers condemn the Chinese Army's massacre of Beijing citizens.

March organisers later drove to the Chinese embassy, where they delivered a letter addressed to Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng, a hard-liner and key figure in enforcing the harsh crackdown against the pro-democracy activists.

The making of a mini superpower

India strengthens its military forces

NEW DELHI, June 12, (AP): With aircraft carriers, a nuclear-powered submarine, MiG-29 fighters and a medium-range ballistic missile, India is building up the ability to project military power well beyond the subcontinent. Indian and Western military analysts say.

The nation of 880 million people has an armed force of 1.36 million men, smaller only than those of the Soviet Union, China and the United States. The 115,000-man Air Force, with 870 planes, is only behind the United States and the Soviet union in heavy combat airlift capability.

And, since 1986, India has been one of the world's largest arms importers.

More than 25,000 scientists and engineers are working in 15 laboratories and 60 research centres on hundreds of major weapons, electronics and other defence-related developments. The government is spending Rs16 billion (\$1 billion) annually on research-and-development projects alone.

India's defence forces have traditionally been designed to fend off a new war with Pakistan. More recently, the military buildup has been aimed at countering China. Beijing and New Delhi have had uneasy relations since their bitter 1962 border war, when India was caught unprepared and lost some territory.

Some analysts see other elements to the buildup. A Western military expert from a NATO-member country said India, which sees itself as a political neutral, is trying to serve notice to the superpowers that their strength in the region is subject to some check.

Chit Deshingkar, an independent Indian analyst, sees less rationale to the buildup.

"India has had no defence policy per se, no military doctrine... It's an aggregation of things that happen," Deshingkar, director of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, said in an interview.

He said there are shifting perceptions of who a potential



India is adding four new divisions to its existing 34 infantry divisions. (Reuter wirephoto)

opponent might be.

"Sometimes it's Pakistan, sometimes it's China. Ultimately, maybe the (US) 7th Fleet."

Referring to India's production or purchase of weapons, he added: "Having acquired a solution, you look for a problem."

Whatever the reason for the buildup, its dimensions have been impressive.

On May 22, Indian successfully test-fired its first-medium range ballistic missile, becoming only the seventh nation in the world with the demonstrated ability to make its own.

The government has maintained that the missile's develop-

ment is aimed largely at advancing India's technology overall, not just its military capacity. Western and Indian analysts, however, have been sceptical.

The 1.2-million-man infantry is adding four new divisions to the existing 34 — an increase of 80,000 combat soldiers.

Indigenous weapons already tested or under development include light combat aircraft, pilotless aircraft, cluster bombs, high-altitude parachutes, light field guns, main battle tanks, armoured personnel carriers, advanced panoramic sonar to detect enemy submarines, variable depth sonar, homing torpedoes, anti-submarine electric

torpedoes, mines and mine-busting equipment, and a new range of small arms and wheeled vehicles.

India is also building a superport in the southern state of Karnataka for developing submarines and ships, including its own 30,000-ton aircraft carrier. A long-range reconnaissance aircraft, capable of patrolling as far as Australia and Africa, is in the planning stage.

India is the only country outside the Soviet bloc to have acquired Moscow's latest MiG-29 fighters. Negotiations are under way to produce MiG-29 indigenously.

India's two aircraft carriers

give the 53,000-man Navy a constantly available fixed-wing seaborne air power.

"Given the vast coastline (5,686 kilometres or 3,525 miles) the naval strength is not much, but at least we have a blue-water Navy now," a Defence Ministry official said.

"Our aim is to be self-sufficient," said the official. "We are not gearing our armed forces for battle. It is just the opposite. We believe all these will work as deterrents."

India has fought three wars with neighbouring Pakistan since independence from Britain in 1947. But the biggest rival in the region is China.

Students demand freedom to cheat

One killed in Bangladesh examination battles

DHAKA, June 12, (Agencies): One person was killed and more than 400 were injured in widespread violence during Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations across Bangladesh, police and news reports said today.

Hundreds of students and their supporters rampaged through more than two dozen examination centres as police and officials tried to keep them from cheating yesterday — the second day of the month-long test.

Police said one student was killed and more than 100 others, including two officials and six teachers were injured at Muladi College in Barisal, 75 miles (120

kilometres) south of the capital.

Barisal police said the violence erupted as about 200 people attacked the centre with homemade bombs and stones after four examinees were expelled for cheating.

The mob, police said, also set fire to the home of the Muladi sub-district officer, chief administrator in the area. Police said they fired at least 11 shots to quell the violence. They said the death occurred from bomb used by someone in the mob, not from police shooting.

News reports here said 300 more people, including police and teachers, were injured as students clashed with police at Manikganj outside Dhaka and the districts of

Tongi, Mymensingh, Comilla and Chittagong.

The Bengali-language daily, the Sangbad, said about 50 students were expelled in Manikganj. They blocked highway traffic and burned a microbus.

At least 8,000 examinees were expelled for cheating during yesterday's English examinations, considered difficult for Bengali-speaking students.

The students and their supporters were armed with home-made bombs, revolvers, knives and rocks. They beat teachers and officials, broke furniture and windows and tore up examination papers.

"They were demanding absolute

freedom to copy from the text and use help from friends crowding outside examination halls," one official said.

Authorities ordered tight monitoring during the HSC test after more than 9,000 students were expelled during the school final examinations held in March.

Widespread cheating is a regular feature in school and college examinations in Bangladesh despite frequent attempts to stamp out the practice.

More than 300,000 students took this year's final examinations, which began on Thursday. The examinations resumed yesterday after a two-day break.

Anandwan is facing death

Coal discovered

CHANDRAPUR, India, June 12, (Panos): Before coming to Anandwan, Chandramani had been an accomplice to murder, a bigamist and a communist revolutionary. Then he fell victim to leprosy, with a useless amputated right arm and almost certain to become one of the millions in India who have to beg to keep alive.

Today he is a pillar of his community, a gifted wood carver and the developer, with others, of a system of low-cost house construction which could do much for India.

But now, the place which has given him the support to make all this possible — the Anandwan colony in India's Maharashtra state — is under threat after discovery of huge coal deposits in the area.

Western India Coalfields Ltd has issued eviction notices to the sprawling 465-hectare complex, founded in 1949 by Baba Amte. With the discovery of coal, there is increasing pressure to set up a thermal power station nearby.

The colony — one of India's model community projects for the care and training of leprosy patients — is also a world leader in rehabilitation techniques: "I've never come across anything remotely comparable in Europe," says a visiting Irish occupational therapist.

Anandwan, which means "Forest of Joy," is home for more than 2,000 people like Chandramani. Over 1,400 are leprosy patients but there are also 72 blind schoolboys, 56 deaf-mute children at a special school, 36 crippled by polio, 75 handicapped young people undergoing vocational training, and so the list goes on.

The community boasts that the only goods it buys from the outside world are sugar, salt and kerosene and this is very nearly true. Certainly, it grows all its own food, weaves its own cloth, makes its own clothes and shoes and builds its own buildings. It makes bandages, school notebooks and wheelchairs for the Indian government to earn cash for items, like cement, which it cannot make itself.

Broken

One of the building projects completed by the leprosy patients some years ago was a college where young people from the nearest village could study. This is now a branch of the University of Nagpur and, apart from its educational benefits, it is one of the ways in which Anandwan has broken down the barriers between the colony and the outside world.

The result is that there is now no local reluctance to visit Anandwan or to buy its fruits and vegetables, in sharp contrast with the early days. One of Chandramani's first acts after coming to Anandwan was to make an artificial arm for himself out of wood, with two bolts for hinges and leather straps to hold it in place. It cost only 15 rupees (US\$1) but it enabled him to do carvings properly and that changed everything. He began to do carvings in wood which sold well at Anandwan's craft shop. He also went back to his trade as a carpenter.

Now Chandramani supervises all the construction in the leprosy colony which, because of its open-door policy, is bursting at the seams and has been building as fast as it could.

A particular success has been the low-cost housing Chandramani helped develop from work done elsewhere.

This has two special features. One is that the walls are built of bricks made of ordinary mud mixed with 10 per cent cement.

The other feature is the roof, which is made of fired bricks set in mortar to make an arch. The houses are cool and airy because the inside of the roof is high and Chandramani's design provides a window at each end for cross-ventilation.

The colony owes its character to its founder, Baba Amte, who, at 74 still goes around the wards before dawn every day, greeting the patients like the old friends they are, and welcoming anyone who comes to the door: no one is ever turned away at Anandwan.

Baba's slogan, "Work builds, charity destroys," is not only painted prominently on a sign in the colony but has also been put into effect. Every patient, no matter how disabled, is given work through which they can rebuild themselves.

"People branded Baba as cruel for putting the sick to work," says Dr Amte, who is his son. "However, not only was it the only way that this place could survive but it was the best thing for them."

Vikas Amte has been at Anandwan since it started. He was with his father, mother and younger brother when they moved on to 50 acres of abandoned quarry with seven leprosy patients, a lame cow and 14 rupees. Now he runs the colony, leaving his father free to campaign against religious and racial divisions which afflict India. (Panos)

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Outlet centres designed to foil infiltrators

Passengers can check travel ban list

EVERY citizen or expatriate has the right to enquire from the Outlets Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Interior whether the individual has been banned from leaving the country or even if the individual wants to ascertain whether by chance there is a possibility of the name being coincidentally the same with that of any person banned from leaving the country.

The Assistant Director of the Outlets Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Interior Lieutenant Colonel Abdulaziz Al Jari said that his department supervises all the country's outlets except the International Airport.

Appeal

The outlet centres have been designed to serve the country's security and to prevent infiltrators and smugglers from

entering into the country.

The official appealed to all citizens and expatriates to co-operate with officials at the centres to facilitate the smooth operations at these centres.

He called on all citizens and expatriates who desire to have their names checked to ensure that they are not on the banned list to do this at least three days prior to their date of departure.

With relation to minimising instances where travellers have been prevented from travelling due to similarity in names of those on the banned list, the official said that the department has since 1986 instituted several measures to eradicate the problem of name resemblance. Such measures include holding comprehensive meetings with the authorities concerned, unifying

travel ban forms, inserting the photocopy of the banned peoples identity cards in the microfilm jackets to be distributed to all outlet centres and the use of modern equipment.

The strenuous efforts exerted by the authorities in this connection has positively contributed to a near elimination of cases of mistaken identity. Further efforts using state-of-the-art technology

and the co-operation of all authorities concerned is receiving round the clock attention.

Of significance is the high-level meetings of relevant authorities who had previously issued independent travel bans without proper co-ordination. A proper evaluation and streamlining of these procedures will see the problem completely redressed, the official said.



Lebanese Ambassador Adnan Badra and the Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Health, Ibrahim Al Mudaf, greeting one of the wounded upon arrival in Kuwait.

Stricter penalties for traffic violators

Vehicle testing mandatory for safety

THE General Traffic Department will be enforcing strict penalties against violators of traffic regulations, whereby irrevocable jail terms would be passed instead of existing fines, according to a local daily.

The sources say that the department is also seeking to revise certain provisions under the existing traffic code, and the consultations for this purpose are currently underway with the Ministry of Justice.

Jaywalkers

The sources also say that the department will as of next month enforce fines, maximum KD5, against violators of street traffic lanes, and that a special kiosk will be set up to collect fines levied against pedestrians failing to cross streets from the indicated pedestrian passages.

The sources point out that an organised information campaign will be carried out to acquaint people with the new regulations, and stress utter respect for traffic and safety codes.

In a related development, the technical testing process of vehicles is one of the major elements that Kuwait's General Traffic Department attaches great

importance to minimise traffic accidents.

Kuwait's Ministry of Interior pays great attention to this issue and has recruited the services of professionals familiar with the use of latest technology to achieve this purpose.

The ministry's concern towards this issue is reflected in the ministry decision authorising some specific technical workshops to carry out the necessary tests for the vehicles on behalf of the ministry and under the supervision of the Traffic Department.

To highlight this issue, 'Al Dakhiliya' magazine, the organ of the Ministry of Interior, interviewed the Director of Technical Testing Lieutenant Colonel Issa Bu Raimah, who said the Minister of Interior had issued the decision No.207/1989 awarding the technical testing process of the vehicles to some workshop to be supervised by the traffic department.

He clarified that the decision is aimed at developing technical testing and to let the private sector contribute to this process in addition to reducing manpower at the ministry.

He added that the assigned workshops should be licensed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, adding that the relevant workshops should be provided with the necessary equipment for testing of the different parts of the vehicle including exhaust, break speedometer, engine, shock absorber and wheel alignment.

The location of the workshop should be so located as not to hamper traffic movement and should be sufficient to accommodate large number of vehicles.

Violations

The workshops should be provided with all necessary first aid equipment to protect the employees in addition to an office for the traffic department representative at each workshop.

Replying to a question, the official said that the licence of the workshop will be revoked in case any violation is committed or will be closed down in case the workshop infringes the traffic law.

In conclusion, the official appealed to all citizens and expatriates to deal with the technical test as a mandatory process for safety.

Ten years for impersonation

THE Criminal court has sentenced a man to 10 years of penal servitude for impersonating a security officer and forcing entry into the house of a few workers.

The court heard that as the victims were about to sleep, the door was suddenly pushed open and the defendant pretending to be a member of the security force asked to see their personal identification cards.

Knife point

He then forced one of the men into his car under the pretext that he was taking him to the police station, but when he reached the motorway he swerved into a

desert side-road where he stopped the car and offered to let the man go in return for the money he carried on him.

The victim refused to give up his money and insisted on going to the police station. The driver went into the motions that he was driving towards Ahmadi police station and stopped the car again in the middle of the road and held a knife to the victim's body asking him to get off. But the victim insisted that he be dropped on the main road.

On the way, the man managed to attract the attention of a nearby police station personnel

who followed the car and arrested the driver.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Criminal Court has issued a life sentence against a Sudanese national charged with murdering an Eritrean woman in Firdous area.

The court heard that the defendant was in love with the victim and that he murdered her for suspicions of moral misconduct.

The same court has issued a ten-year jail sentence with hard labour against four men charged with abducting and sexually assaulting two teenagers under 14 years of age.



Appreciation award

IN appreciation of Professor Rasha Al Sabah's endeavour towards "Better Society" Kuwait Plaza management presented her an award. Kuwait Plaza General Manager Ahmad Al-Injibar and Omar Yamak Director of P.R., Marketing and Media of ITC presented the award. Professor Rasha Al Sabah extended her thanks to the management and said that the Kuwait Plaza played an important role in the making of the forums prepared by the office of the vice rector for community service and information of Kuwait University a success.

Arab governments criticised

THE secretary-general of the Arab Organisation for Industrial Development (AOID) Hatem Abdul Rasheed has criticised Arab governments for not paying their obligations to the organisation. He added that if the organisation and other joint Arab organisations cannot achieve their goals, they should be closed.

Arab joint projects approved by the 6th conference of AOID are being carried out according to a predetermined schedule such as the steel project in Egypt, telephone switch boards projects in Algeria and Egypt and iron project in Mauritania. Rasheed attributed the delay in carrying out Arab joint industrial projects to financial reasons and to the lack of a suitable environment and security for Arab

investors who want to invest their funds in Arab countries.

Rasheed pointed out that the cotton industry joint project that was approved by the 6th conference of the organisation was supposed to be carried out in Sudan. But the project is still suspended due to the internal circumstances in Sudan. A delegation of the AOID will pay a visit to Sudan this month to hold meetings with Sudanese officials. The organisation completed the technical studies of the project. The project will offer 25,000 tons of different kinds of cotton that meets 90 per cent of cotton weaving factories of the Arab countries. The delegation of the organisation will try to persuade officials in Sudan to speed up the working agenda of the company.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Buyer's market as rents slump

RENTS for private accommodation in general in Bahrain have slumped dramatically over the past few years for various factors. In the mid-seventies in the wake of the construction boom the island experienced a massive growth in the real estate market, as overnight scores of multi-storied buildings, towers and complexes sprung up for commercial purposes. Considering the limited physical size of the country and a growing population, including a sizeable expatriate population, there was increasing demand for residential accommodation.

As demand outstripped supply owners of new premises often demanded and got extremely high and in many cases exorbitant charges for rent. The market affected both Bahrainis and expatriates alike, as rents for accommodation often ate up more than half of the salary of the main wage earner in a family.

However, by the mid-eighties the real estate market deteriorated rapidly and rents began to fall accordingly. With the completion of the country's infrastructure, major housing projects, recession and a slight decrease in the expatriate workforce, a surplus of economical properties arose throughout the country on a large scale.

From what began as a seller's market in the seventies became a buyer's market in the mid-eighties. The trend had reversed dramatically as desperate landlords were forced not only to reduce rents drastically but also began to offer generous incentives in the form of 'free' furnishing, to lure prospective tenants to the newly built flats.

Overnight, hundreds of new buildings stood empty as tenants of all classes and income-brackets became selective and cost-conscious. Tenants now began to dictate the market and call the shots.

Some landlords played a 'waiting game' by refusing to let their new premises to tenants below their 'market price' and instead preferred to wait for the market to pick up. This unfortunately for the landlords never happened. The market in fact got worse and ultimately reluctant landlords were forced to rent their premises to tenants at the latter's terms.

Consequently, buyers enjoyed a bonanza in terms of both old or existing accommodation and the newly built flats.

In the capital Manama, the prime area for real estate, rents began to drop between 30 to 50 per cent in just three years. A two-bedroom flat which once went for BD180 could now be procured for about BD100. In the capital's outskirts like Hooza and Gudaibiya, often with incentives like carpeting and some furniture thrown in at no extra cost. Some landlords were even prepared to be flexible in lease agreements, by waiving the customary advance payment to one to three months rent.

On the upper scale of the market, posh villas — complete with garden, swimming pool, servant quarters, garage, fully furnished rooms with all accessories — in places like Budaiya, Riffa, Adliya can now be rented for prices ranging from BD200 to BD500 from the boom years when the going rate was between BD400-BD800. Rents in old or disimproved buildings in Bahrain at the bottom end of the ladder are now fixed at between BD40-BD60 from BD70-BD90 previously for an average two or sometimes three bedroom flats in old areas including the Souk. The majority of expatriate construction workers are housed in these parts, with often five or more people in one room.

The real estate market is now showing a very gradual improvement as far as the landlords and owners are concerned. Rents in general have increased by a few dinars particularly in new fashionable areas of the main cities of Bahrain. But it still remains a buyer's market as more and more building projects are under way all over the country, giving a wider and more economical choice to the tenants.

Under the government's policy of subsidised housing to its nationals more Bahrainis are moving into state flats or receiving government loans to build their own houses. The expatriate population, however, it now appears, is the prime target for the scores of newly constructed dwellings in the private sector.

6 Lebanese Christian casualties flow in

LARNACA, June 12, (KUNA): A special Kuwaiti aircraft took off from Larnaca airport today carrying six Lebanese wounded from East Beirut to Kuwait.

The wounded arrived here from Beirut on board two helicopters of the Lebanese Army.

Kuwaiti Ambassador to Damascus Abdul Aziz Al Jassam said to Kuwait News Agency today that the little number of wounded evacuated from East Beirut was due to the difficulty in transport, especially since some of them needed special care, unavailable on helicopters.

The batch arriving from Christian East Beirut was supposed to carry 50 wounded Lebanese for treatment.

The Kuwaiti diplomat indicated that the wounded in East Beirut were less in view of the availability of shelters and the presence of medical care as well as the low population density in the eastern sector.

Meanwhile, the health minister's envoy from East Beirut Suliman Kanan said that Lebanese Health Minister Edgar Malouf extended greetings to the Kuwaiti government on its assistance to alleviate sufferings of the Lebanese people.

Messilah bachelors city to be demolished

By Ali Al Mesoudi

THE controller of Jahra bachelors city Adel Ismail was quoted as saying that the bachelors city at Messilah area will be demolished, adding that this decision will be executed by the end of the year.

He added that the relevant decision was based on the location of the city within the Al Qurain housing project.

In an interview with the daily Al Seyassah he said that the houses in the area will be evacuated after December 31st, 1989 and those living there will be moved to the vertical buildings in the same area or to any other area.

Speaking of the Jahra bachelors city, the official said it was good and its facilities had been completed except the post office and clinic, hinting that he requested the Ministry of Public Health to establish a clinic at the city but his request has been turned down by Jahra Health Area.

Basra University centre aims at preserving Arabism in the Gulf

DIRECTOR of the Arabian Gulf Studies Centre at Basra University, Dr Qahtan Sulaiman Al Nasri said the centre held seven international symposiums since its establishment. Some of these symposiums were directed towards assuring the Arabism of the Gulf, in addition to creating Arab and international awareness on these issues.

Nasri stated that Arabistan and Shaat Al Arab are both Arabic lands and that most accredited historical sources indicated the Arabism of the Gulf and Shaat Al Arab.

Nasri said that the centre published 500 different titles and that more copies were reprinted due to the high demand of researchers and readers.

The centre includes scientific sections for economical, anthropological, historical, geographic, political and strategic studies. The centre also has a number of doctorate holders of different specialities in addition to the recent modernisation of a masters degree section.

Nasri said that the centre was able to establish the General Secretariat for the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Centre which carries over responsibilities of co-ordination among centres in the area.

He stated that the centre was established in 1974 and that it aims at devoting more attention towards the Arabian Gulf area besides conducting economical, social, political and cultural studies in order to

define the nature of the Gulf society and changes which occurred in the area after the discovery of oil. He said that the Gulf area is full of social, economical and other developments which require serious study as the Gulf plays a big role in the economy of the world. He said that this role will leave clear imprints on the present and future of the Arabian world.

The centre publishes the regular "Arabian Gulf Magazine" in addition to a series of studies entitled "The Arabian Gulf and the World." Four editions have so far been published, Japan and the Arabian Gulf, The United States and the Arabian Gulf. Other editions will be published soon dealing with Arabian Gulf relations with the EEC and publications of other scientific sections, Nasri said.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama
JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibachho Divo Paludho, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU meeting
JUNE 14: (Wednesday): There will be an officer's meeting at 8 pm at Far East Restaurant, details to be discussed are as follows: Palarong Filipino (annual), sponsors, plaque of appreciation and other forthcoming projects (Little Mr & Ms Philippines — Kuwait and KAPILKU Night).

Narhanna
JUNE 15, (Thursday): Narhanna celebrates Nehru Centenary year at Sharq Co-operative Society hall at 6.30 pm. A variety of Indian classical, folk dances and Nritthalpas would highlight the event. To obtain your free entry passes, please contact 4337608.

Bangladesh get-together
BANGLADESHI Engineers and architects in Kuwait will hold a get-together at the Hotel Plaza Ballroom on June 15 from 7.30 pm onwards. For details contact 4317145, 4718157 or 313923.

Get-together
JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Stepping Stones and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Tony 2631826 after 3.30 pm.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
AT The Coffee Shop: A variety of continental in oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner.

At Andalus: Thursday — Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for this night. Our local entertainers provide music. Family brunch — a whole-some day for the family. Entertainment includes Walt Disney cartoon characters plus performance from the great magician. Let your kids enjoy every minute of the day. Delicious mouth watering food in a variety of deserts.

At the Swimming Pool: It's a great night out by the pool, starting at 8.00 p.m.

Barbecue — Music — Games prizes and surprises awaits each one. Bring your family in friends in savour our delicious Shazara Barbecue.

At the Continental
THE Gardenia, at the Kuwait Continental hotel open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays. The buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arabic and continental cuisine. The Dabar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Meridien
HOTEL Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our 'Little Mexico'.

Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Enjoy an evening of foot tapping fun every Thursday. Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

At the Sheraton
HUNT ROOM: Halibut promotion starts at the Hunt Room from June 12 to June 17 89 where some of the best of preparations make their way to the table of the diners. Live entertainment by Ewa Kaminska.

Coffee Shop: Ice coupe promotion starts at the Coffee Shop as of June 18 to June 24 cool off with some delicious combinations and have a day to remember.

Al Hambra: Daily lunch buffet, entertainment nightly by the Lords. Oriental buffet for dinner. Al Hambra is closed on Friday.

La Tarbouche: Daily lunch and dinner a La Carte. The Arab world specialties continues every Thursday featuring specialties from the Arab world cuisine.

Riccardo: Enjoy the best of Italian cuisine with home made pasta at the Riccardo everyday for lunch and dinner. The Eccevisse promotion starts from June 24 to 29, entertainment by the Sienna Duo. Riccardo is closed on Friday.

At the SAS Hotel
AT the Bistretto: SAS Hotel's Italian restaurant, designed to create a cool atmosphere, is a perfect setting for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy Friday brunch with the whole family.

Peacock Room: Experience the feel of the Orient. Come have lunch and dinner with us. Chinese cuisine prepared by our Chinese chef Von Kwee Kiong.

Al Boom: Dine in a perfect Kuwaiti dhow; fine selection of charcoal grills; extensive mezzah buffet and Al Boom daily specials, also open for lunch on Thursdays and Fridays.

Clock: The only drive-in restaurant in town. Serves varied fast food items plus specialties. Eedam, Cone and try our daily specials. We also have a diet corner for weight watchers.

At the Kuwait International
CHILDREN'S party: Every Friday from June 23 up to July 7. Kermit, Donald Duck, Fozzie Bear, many other playmates, a huge Kiddie Castle, games, puppet shows and video fun promise to make it an entertaining day for the children. KD5 for adults and KD3 for children. Tickets on sale at reception: 253000/8039.

Le Petit: Continental breakfast: Pianist and harpist in the evenings. La Palma presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. ext 8166.

Garden pool: Relax by the pool and enjoy our American barbecue on June 16, Friday.

At the Plaza
WEEKEND package deal at the Kuwait Plaza. A special deal for those who are looking for fun, entertainment, relaxation and enjoyment. Pay only KD7 and spend two days at Plaza. Single room KD10. Don't miss this opportunity. Spend your summer vacation at Kuwait Plaza the most unexpensive vacation you ever dreamed of.

Traditional Arabic music by Fawzi Jamal will entertain you at the Noura Terrace. The only open air terrace in the middle of Kuwait city where you enjoy green scenery, delicious food, baggammon and bubble-bubble.

International music, Marco Polo the Italian restaurant in Kuwait features music with a difference. All kinds of light jazz, pop and Western music by the most celebrated duo in town — Stan and Alice. For reservation contact — 2438800.

SPORTS

Recreation Centre
SWIMMING lessons available at the Holiday Inn Health Club and recreation centre. Separate ladies and mens keep fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill on Mondays at 6 to 7 pm. Also ladies aerobics and mixed aerobics with Touvi Pakasalo. Yoga and bowling alley available for company tournaments. Squash handicap tournament for all standards and squash coaching available from our squash instructors. Also tennis coaching, martial arts starting on Sunday, June 4 and on following Sundays (6.30 to 7.30 pm) mixed classes. Additional facilities available under the supervision of selected professionals. For details contact the recreation department, tel. No. 4742000 ext. 6788 or 6700.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cable

KUWAIT, June 12, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today sent a cable of congratulations to Corazon Aquino, President of the Philippines on the occasion of her country's National Day.

Gouled arrives

KUWAIT, June 12, (KUNA): President of Djibouti Hassan Gouled arrived here today on a three-day state visit to Kuwait.

Gouled was received at the airport by His Highness the Amir, Crown Prince and Premier, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, ministers, governors, diplomats and senior officials.

The President is accompanied by his Foreign Affairs and Co-operation Minister Moumen Bahdoun Fareh, Head of Presidential Diwan Ismail Omar Jili and a number of senior officials.

A mission of honour was formed to accompany Gouled, chaired by the Minister of Higher Education, Dr Ali Shamlan.

Summer jobs

KUWAIT, June 12, (KUNA): Employees Diwan Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Al Zaben said yesterday that the Work Force Planning Office at the Diwan has agreed with several government and non-government sectors to employ university and college students during the summer vacation.

Zaben, exclusively talking to KUNA, added that eligible students could be hired from July 7 till August 31 and will receive a monthly salary of KD150 for technical work and KD100 for administrative work.

He indicated that applicants must be Kuwaitis, but not those expected to graduate at the end of the current semester nor those registering for summer courses.

New TV service

MINISTER of Information, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah has given instructions to the relevant authorities in the ministry to make a study on offering a new television transmission service for viewers via satellites.

An official daily said that a special channel will be used for this service that will be under the supervision of the state. The study is expected to be completed within six months. The study will include costs of operation and maintenance and value of contribution that viewers will pay for this significant service.

Market planning

THE chairman of the real estate market planning committee Bader Naser Al Hameedi today said that the committee has since its establishment held a total of 30 meetings with a number of businessmen and brokers.

He told KUNA that the committee had during these regular meetings established the basis for a draft bill regulating the operation of the market and enforcing the required disciplinary system for controlling transactions.

He said the proposed draft bill had been submitted for consideration and endorsement to the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Health level

THE Director of Al Jahra Hospital Dr. Abdulnour Al Jawhari has confirmed the high level of expertise and dedication of the hospital's nursing staff and physicians.

Jawhari was explaining the circumstances that led to an error committed by an x-ray specialist at the hospital. He said that this incident was not due to any negligence, but is attributed to the officials' swift action in providing medical services to a patient.

Conference

BAHRAIN'S Health Minister Jawad Al Areeh yesterday opened in Manama a conference to study and develop scientific methods and instrument on use of bone surgery.

The conference is organised by the Bahraini Health Ministry in co-operation with the Bahraini Physicians Society and a Swiss society.

The conference will last for four days and is being attended by a number of orthopaedists in the GCC States and representatives of the Swiss society.

WEATHER

SUMMER weather with moderate north-westerly wind may freshen at times causing dust.
State of sea: moderate to slight
High water: 7.00 am, 7.00 pm
Low water: 12.00 pm, 2.00 am
Sunrise: 4.48 am
Sunset: 6.48 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 41°C 106°F
Ahmad: 39°C 102°F
Faiaka: 37°C 99°F
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 23°C 73°F
Ahmad: 26°C 79°F
Faiaka: 27°C 81°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 42°C 108°F
Ahmad: 40°C 104°F
Faiaka: 38°C 100°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 18 per cent
Ahmad: 29 per cent
Faiaka: 35 per cent

Emergency assistance to residents

Efforts to extend a helping hand

THE Director-General of Police Telecommunication and Emergency Department Colonel Mohammed Al Qatami was quoted as saying that the department will continue its efforts to extend every possible help to the citizens and expatriates.

In his first statement after taking office Qatami praised the role of his predecessor Brigadier Abdulhameed Al Hajri in developing of the department's activities.

He added that the department had recently informed a pioneer measure which represented the linking of the operation rooms of the

Capital patrols with operations room of the Emergency Department.

Speaking of future projects of the department, the official said the department is currently involved in implementing telecommunication network linkage among the Ministry of Interior's different departments. Computers and the latest technology will be used in the network.

Border cities

The study of the project for the establishment of border cities, will be completed shortly. These cities will be constructed on the land

situated at various exits of Kuwait and will be supplied with all necessities. Incoming trucks from outside Kuwait will unload at those cities and local trucks will carry the goods to the rest of the country. A number of government ministries are currently working on this project, Qatami added.

The Police Telecommunication and Emergency Department is linked with 40 various departments including ministries, banks, medical aid, fire, army and National Guards with direct lines to act swiftly in case of emergency, the official said.



Cultural agreement

A cultural agreement was signed yesterday at the premises of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters between West Germany and Kuwait. The agreement was signed by the Councils Secretary General Dr. Farooq Al Omar on behalf of Kuwait and by outgoing Ambassador of West Germany Dr. Bernd Wulffen.

The agreement incorporates co-operation in the fields of culture, education, information and sports.

Confirm flights, say travel agents

Summer exodus begins

By Nawaf Al Hamil

TOURISTIC and travelling offices are getting ready these days to accommodate the exodus of summer passengers when there are more travellers and demand increases for ticket reservations.

A local daily went on a field tour to some of these offices and interviewed their owners who all stressed that ticket prices are still expensive and that travellers' views towards tourism have changed more than in the past.

Saad Al Merjah, an owner of a travel office said that due to the latest changes after the cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war they noticed some indicators which led to a boost in the economy in general and the travel and transport movement in particular. There are more travellers this year than in the past. To face this increase, they appointed more employees to facilitate customer services.

Compliance

Merjah added that a number of travellers, unfortunately, don't comply with departure dates. He pointed out that the absence of co-operation and trust between the employee and travellers is evidence of travellers' lack of awareness. He considered most of the mistakes which the office falls into towards travellers is originally caused by the traveller himself. He said that, for example, a number of travellers try to book reservation at several offices which leads to an automatic cancellation of the ticket through the computer.

Comfort

Regarding ticket prices, he stated that prices vary from one office to another. He called upon the Travel and Tourism Offices Union to unify prices, organise training courses for office employees, and preserve security, safety and comfort for all travellers.

Ilyas Qashooa said that they noticed a big increase of travellers on foreign airlines, particularly airlines of European countries due to the fact that the country is witnessing an improvement in economy after surpassing obstacles which it suffered through in the past.

He added that unfortunately, many travellers are still unaware of some matters connected with their travels like confirmation on reservations and others. He pointed out that most travellers who come to travel offices ask about the cheapest possible ticket prices.



Passengers crowding the departure hall at Kuwait airport.

He urged travellers to always be in touch and to follow up reservations from the beginning to enjoy a happy journey.

Co-operation

Mazen Al Qassar, a reservation office said that the number of employees was doubled to receive travellers and to cut down on the rush witnessed by the office, due to the high number of travellers this year. He added that most customers buy their tickets in addition to reserving hotels. He said that some travellers blame the office because of negligence in completing their bookings. He added that a number of travellers don't have enough touristic information which may lead to putting themselves into disputes with the office administration. He pointed to a lack of strong co-operation between travel offices and the Civil Aviation Department.

He demanded the imposition of regular censorship on travel offices, specially ticket prices which vary from one office to another. He called upon the Travel and Tourism Offices Union to hold regular meetings among office directors in order to view matters and present new ideas to resolve difficulties.

Mohammed Qotob, the director of one of the touristic offices said that more concerns should be imposed on tourism because it concerns a big sector of society. He stressed that office owners fully comply with directives of the Civil Aviation Department. He urged office owners to appoint qualified employees who will be well equipped to serve travellers.

He called for holding a meeting among office directors to unify the prices of tickets. The director of a travel agency, Hind Al Maari said Cairo and Damascus routes face a high demand from travellers this year. She pointed out that the office has no major problems with customers and that these problems are resolved immediately. She called upon information media to co-operate in order to spread touristic awareness among travellers.

Nizar Ahmad, one of the reservation officers said that trips to foreign countries like London, Switzerland and Spain are highly demanded by travellers this year. He added that the office administration is always keen to co-operate with customers and travellers during reservations seventy-two hours prior to departure.

University to establish Gulf centre

KUWAIT University is planning to establish a centre for the Arab Gulf and Peninsula studies aimed at extending the relevant services to the Arab Gulf countries related to scientific and documentary research.

To highlight this issue, a local daily interviewed the Editor-in-Chief of the Gulf and Arab Peninsula Studies magazine, Dr Bader Al Yaqoub, who expressed hope that the final formula for establishing the centre will be endorsed this summer.

He added that the proposed centre will not be the first of its kind in the region as identical centres were

being established in several Gulf countries such as Iraq, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Riyadh and Sanaa.

He expressed hopes that through such centres the activities of the Arab Gulf and Peninsula Studies magazine will be improved by incorporating computers in the documentation, classification and archives.

He added that the proposed centre will benefit from the data available at the international data centres in Europe and USA in addition to some Arab countries.

Maids cannot bring in babies

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

A SLIP of the tongue by a Kuwait TV anchorman raised the hopes of hundreds of women when it was inadvertently announced that "domestics on article 22" can bring their children born outside Kuwait.

Interior Ministry's "You and the Law" host Ali Noor said: "It was an unfortunate slip of the tongue? A human error." What he had wanted to say was "dependents, on article No. 22 visas" can bring their new born infants to Kuwait.

The error was made on the "You and the Law" broadcast on June 7. A clarification will be made on the next edition of the show this week.

Arab Times received several telephone calls and letters, asking for a clarification after the show was broadcast.

Women holding dependant visa No 22 can bring infants born to them outside Kuwait.

Clarification

An Interior Ministry official has clarified that domestic servants, holding visa No 20, are not allowed to bring their children from their country of origin. Children born to mothers holding No. 20 visas can't be sponsored by their fathers, he added.

"The constraints of the law do not permit us to add a child's name to his father's sponsorship," he said.

However, if both parents work in the private sector on visa No. 18, a father can obtain a visa for a new born, provided the infant was born in Kuwait. However, if a woman holding a visa No. 18 gives birth to a child outside Kuwait, she cannot bring the infant with her. Women holding visa No. 18 fall in the "working category" and as such, the infant's father would have to obtain a dependant visa, which is subject to the salary ceiling. If a father earns KD650 or more in the private sector and KD450 in the public sector, he can apply for a dependant visa.

The salary ceiling for dependant visas is now KD650, an immigration official has said in a written reply to the Arab Times.

The official also stressed that "adding a child's name to a mother's passport" does not mean that the infant also has a visa. It is absolutely essential to add the child's name either to the mother or father's iqama.

Stranded employee threatens suicide

ASRI LANKAN has threatened to commit suicide because he was unjustly terminated by his employer, a company doing a sub-contract for the Mena Abdullah Refinery. Despite a court order the company has not bought his air ticket to go back to his country, he writes.

In a letter to local newspapers, he writes: "I'm in a critical position. I want to commit suicide."

A.K.L.W. Perera writes that he came to Kuwait in September 1988 and was employed until Jan 28, 1989, when the company "I was stopped by the company from going to work". Apparently, his services were terminated.

He writes that he told the company officials "to put me back on work", but no action was taken. He later filed a case in the labour court, which ordered the employer to deposit an air ticket with the "shaoun" (Social Affairs Ministry), which will send me back within 6 days.

"Twenty days have passed and nothing has been done. I am desperate. My wife has expired. I have two children and cannot afford to look after them. My company has not paid four months salary. I hope your readers will understand my position," he concludes.

University rector resigns

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT University's former Rector Dr Abdul Mohsin Abdul Razzaq has said that he has opted to resign from his post to pursue research studies and teaching.

Razzaq told the Arab Times that his resignation should not have come as a surprise to anyone as he had accepted the job in 1985 for a limited period of time.

He said: "I accepted the job after the university crisis only for a period of four years."

Razzaq who is the chief of Cardiology Department at the Ministry of Public Health and professor at Kuwait University said that he will continue teaching at

the university. He added he will not go on holiday as he is busy planning the construction of the Kuwait Heart Foundation and organising other research related activities.

Razzaq who is also the vice-president of Kuwait Heart Foundation said: "Till yesterday we have collected KD4 million for the foundation. A contribution of KD1 million came from the National Bank of Kuwait, another KD half a million was donated by a Kuwaiti merchant Khalid Al Hamad. Additionally a few other individuals have promised donations."

Commenting on the appointment of the new Kuwait University Rector Shuaib Al Shuaib, Razzaq said: "He is capable, experienced and an excellent per-



Razzaq

son to take over the job". He expressed confidence in Shuaib's appointment and wished him every success in his job.

Cigarette sales down 20 per cent

5pc annual drop since '86

IMPORTERS of cigarettes in the local market have complained of the reduction in the number of smokers which has resulted in adversely affecting the level of sales in the local market.

Monthly sales statistics of cigarettes reveal that the numbers of smokers who smoke for the first time have been dropping each year and sales have registered a drop of 5 per cent each year.

Agents stressed that increasing customs duty on the import of cigarettes will increase the level of their losses specially because they will not be able to re-export their cigarettes to the countries of the area. They called for exempting cigarettes from an increase in customs duties.

Campaign

One of the importers said that an expansion in the campaign to increase public awareness to the dangers posed by smoking through the local media and incorporating this theme as a part of text books in schools will certainly reduce the sales of cigarettes.

Issuing legislations prohibiting smoking in some public places and prohibiting advertisements from appearing in local media will negatively affect cigarette sales in the local market within the coming few years.

A survey by a local daily showed that most of those surveyed claimed that the warning that is affixed on packets of cigarettes has no detrimental impression on smokers. Further, most importers claimed that specifications imposed by the Arab Gulf states on cigarettes imported like reducing the percentage of tar and nicotine will not contribute to reducing the number of smokers, but increase the number of cigarettes they smoke each day.

The survey further indicated that procedures presently applied prevent cigarette companies from participating in dif-

ferent sports events. Their participation is not possible as advertisements of cigarettes is banned in the local media.

One of the agents said that the existence of a large stock of unknown cigarettes which are unsafe, including the fact that their validity expired many years ago poses a dangerous situation. These spurious stocks are mainly sold to Asian works at their camps.

A cigarette agent Abdul Aziz Al Babbain pointed out that an increase of health awareness against smoking has undoubtedly contributed to reducing the sale of cigarettes. He added: "The new generation is more aware of the hazards to health posed by smoking as compared to the older generation."

Duties

Babbain said that an increase in customs duties on cigarettes is detrimental to smokers in the long run. Elucidating, he said that an increase of customs duties will compel smokers to opt to smoke cheap cigarettes that are more harmful than expensive and regulated brands.

Continuing, he said that the retreat in sales of cigarettes took effect when authorities restricted expatriate manpower from entering the country. Sales of cigarettes are down by 20 per cent today as compared to the 1980's, he added.

About 60 per cent of cigarettes sold in the local market are American, 30 per cent are British and 10 per cent from other sources. He added that an increase of customs duties on cigarettes imports had a direct effect on the sales at the local market and on the increase of sales of cheap cigarettes during the last few years. He added that official restrictions on participation of agents of cigarettes in the advertising campaigns and preventing them from taking part in sporting occasions and competitions killed the competition among agents themselves. But he denied

that Gulf specifications on cigarettes will increase the consumption and sales of cigarettes. The smoker will not increase the amount he smokes a day because of a reduction in the percentage of tar and nicotine in the cigarette, he said.

A number of smokers claimed that spending on smoking forms only a very limited percentage of their income even if prices of cigarettes are increased. They also refused the fact that increase of taxes pushed many smokers to search for cheap cigarettes.

Marketing directors at cigarette agencies do not pay any attention to regulations and procedures that will be taken by official authorities such as increases of customs duties or the unified specifications of imports of cigarettes that will reduce percentage of tar and nicotine in cigarettes.

They added that smoking depends on temperament which cannot be controlled by these procedures. The individual income in Kuwait encourages smokers to continue their habit. Smokers do not look at their income when they want to buy cigarettes. They also buy cigarettes even at the expense of their food and other basic spendings, they said.

Sales

They added that economic crisis did not affect sales of cigarettes. People usually smoke more cigarettes during crisis than in normal circumstances, they added.

Meanwhile, a study issued by the World Health Organisation showed that 12 per cent of mature women in Kuwait are smokers. Another study made in Kuwait in 1982 showed that 1.3 per cent of children between 7 to 10 years are smokers. It added that 15.9 per cent of boys in Kuwait smoke. The percentage increased to 24.4 per cent for persons between 15 to 18 years old and to 40.2 per cent for those over 19 years old.

Maid dies in captivity

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had the maid received medical attention at the beginning, she might not have died.

The couple's lawyer denied that the couple had beaten or tortured the deceased.

He added that the forensic medical report did not indicate the exact cause of her death. He claimed that criminal intention on the part of the couple was not proved. He said that the couple should not be punished for simply locking their maid for a limited period while outside the

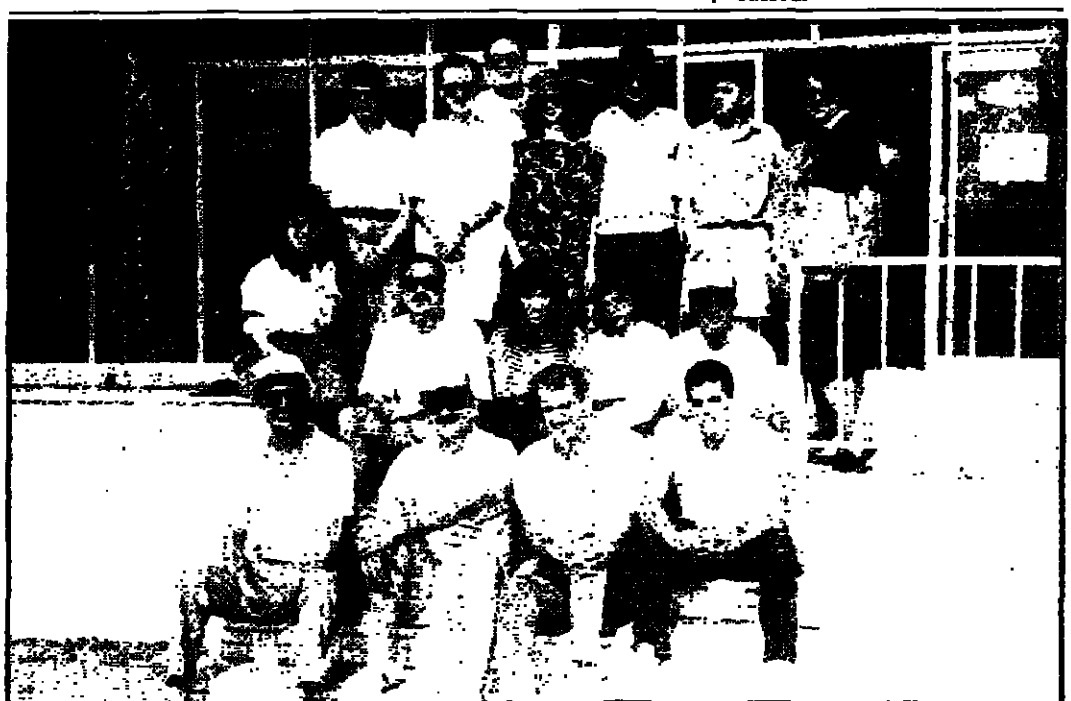
house. He said that locking the maid in the room was only meant to prevent her from running away or harming herself while the two were asleep.

The Appeals Court based its judgement on the issue that no proof had been furnished to the court that the couple or any of them had beaten or tortured the maid. But the court passed the reduced sentence on the charge that the couple had failed to provide medical attention to their employee and had unilaterally restricted the maid's freedom of movement.

GCC health conference

THE first meeting for the technical committee for unifying of contracting measures at GCC health ministries will start today at the General Secretariat.

A number of issues concerning a work paper presented by the general secretariat including a proposal for unifying contracting measures among GCC health ministries will be discussed during the two day meeting. Additionally unified basis of benefits and rights of retired employees at health ministries will also be discussed.



Meridien family at Failaka

The Personnel Department of Meridien Hotel Kuwait has recently organised a trip to Failaka Island on May 26, for the staff and their respective families. Everyone enjoyed the fun and sightseeing tour on the historical relics of the island.

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Thought for today

ONE is easily fooled by that which one loves — Moliere, French actor-playwright (1622-1673).

Liberal will on test in Portugal

By Tony Smith

LISBON, Portugal, (AP): Some might say 15 is too early to come of age. But Portugal's democracy is looking fully formed now, with its first majority government bringing uncommon political stability.

And with a major constitutional revision that has scrapped the last vestiges of the 1974 socialist revolution, Portugal seems ready to take a giant step closer to the economies of its European community partners.

The nation has now turned its back on the pledge of the "revolution of the carnations," which toppled 48 years of rightist dictatorship, "to build a classless society... in transition to socialism."

In fact, a recently approved constitutional amendment clears the way for a sell-off of industries and services from a significant state sector and brings Portugal closer to the norm of its free-market-oriented EEC partners as the trade bloc prepares to drop trade barriers after 1992.

But critics say the center-right government should go easy on self-congratulation, as the revision could become a vital test of Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva's liberal reputation and popularity.

When he won a landslide election victory in July 1987 and formed Portugal's first-ever absolute majority government, Cavaco Silva was heralded as an efficient technocrat whose free-market policies would turn around the plodding, centralized economy.

But the ascetic economist has been slower to loosen these public-sector reins than many would like. His government, facing growing economic woes and rumours of high-level scandal, has been slipping gradually in popularity.

In a curious alliance, the main opposition socialists and many businessmen have accused Cavaco Silva of using the constitution as an excuse to delay economic liberalization.

"Once the revision is completed, the government can't blame the constitution to justify its failures," leading opposition deputy Antonio Guterres said recently.

The old constitution described 1975 nationalizations as "irreversible," but the government could have liberalized by granting concessions or management contracts with options to buy state companies, once the constitution changed.

"The revision means the government is now free to sell — the real test now is going to be whether it actually does privatize or not," said Alvaro Vasconcelos, political analyst at Lisbon's Institute for International and Strategic Studies.

He sees the government as loathe to cede control for fear of upsetting state-sector employees who "have formed a new political class in Portugal."

Workers and management alike in overmanned nationalized industries could lose their jobs if private business took over.

Cavaco Silva, stubbornly ignoring critics, claims proudly that under his government, Portugal is no longer Western Europe's poorest nation.

He says confidence is growing and cites rapid economic growth which has been averaging 4.3 per cent in gross domestic product terms over the last three years. That is matched in the EEC only by booming neighbour Spain. Foreign investment more than doubled in 1988 to 138 billion Escudos (960 million dollars). Unemployment is about 6 per cent, one of Europe's lowest rates.

Lisbon's narrow streets seem to get more congested by the day as more people show off recently acquired prosperity in new cars. And more than 1.5 million shoppers a month buy at chic stores in the marble malls of Lisbon's amoreiras business-residential complex.

But consumer euphoria, with industry working near full capacity, has pushed inflation past 13 per cent.

Finance Minister Miguel Cadilhe, still predicting a 6 per cent rate by year's end, slammed on the brakes in March with an anti-inflation package that restricted consumer credit and has sent bank interest rates over 20 per cent.

High borrowing costs have annoyed businessmen, once seen as Cavaco Silva's natural allies, while price rises have brought down the government's wage-price deal with unions and sent thousands of workers into the streets in protest.

"Modernization cannot and must not come at the price of deepening social and regional divisions," President Mario Soares said after the constitutional revision was passed. Unbalanced development, he said, "creates intolerable tensions and results in... unrest that menaces the progress made."

The monthly minimum wage of 30,000 escudos (\$200) is the lowest in the EEC, as is average annual income of some \$3,700. The illiteracy and child-mortality rates are high compared with European norms.

Though over 20 per cent of the 10.4 million Portuguese work on the land, the country still must import over half its food.

And while exports are booming, the most successful sectors — textiles and footwear, which account for over 40 per cent — likely will lose their competitive edge as labour costs rise toward EEC standards.

"In the next few years, instead of making up a third of Portugal's exports, textiles will account for about 12 per cent," said Georgina Illing, director of fabric producers ex port.

"The fact that export volume will go down is not bad, as quality and returns will go up — but what will Portugal replace those exports with?" Soares, a former socialist prime minister, is aware of the country's problems and frequently acts as the government's social conscience.

Elected president in 1986, he enjoys widespread respect and consistently scores high in public opinion polls. Where Cavaco Silva and his government are struggling.

A recent survey published by the Lisbon weekly Expresso said the Social Democrats would poll 37 per cent of the national vote today, compared with 50 per cent in 1987, while the socialists' rating has jumped from 22.5 per cent to almost 32 per cent.

Despite government taunts that Portugal's opposition is ineffective, it is Cavaco Silva's party that has come under fire recently from the increasingly probing weekly press.

Following front-page allegations that Cadilhe had been involved in property tax irregularities the press turned on Health Minister Leonor Beza, claiming his ministry awarded contracts to companies based on personal connections. (AP - Portugal)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1546 — Protestant princes of Germany denounce Council of Trent.
- 1547 — Hungary and Turkey sign five-year truce.
- 1653 — British fleet defeats Dutch off North Foreland.
- 1721 — England joins treaty of Madrid with Spain and France.
- 1839 — Milosh, king of Serbia, abdicates, and is succeeded by his son Milan.
- 1849 — Communist riots in Paris are crushed.
- 1900 — Boxer uprising against Europeans in China begins.
- 1916 — Jan Christian Smuts captures Wilhelmshaven in German East Africa.
- 1940 — Paris is declared an open city in World War II.
- 1956 — Last British troops leave Suez Canal base, turn waterway over to Egypt after operating it for 74 years.
- 1969 — Withdrawal of US combat troops from South Vietnam begins with pullout of unit fighting in Mekong Delta.
- 1973 — United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Viet Cong sign new pact in Paris designed to reinforce Vietnam ceasefire.
- 1974 — Army in Republic of Yemen seizes power in bloodless coup.
- 1984 — Nicaragua says its troops forced group of US-backed rebels to flee across border into Costa Rica after four days of heavy fighting.
- 1987 — Panamanians stage peaceful protests to demonstrate their displeasure with nation's military leadership.
- 1988 — Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman says policeman is killed during ethnic protest in Azerbaijani capital of Baku.

Row over dissident Fang

Sino-US relations heading for trouble

By Steve Holland

RELATIONS between China and the United States have taken a turn for the worse with Beijing's demand that the US embassy hand over a prominent Chinese dissident it has been sheltering.

Private US analysts predict a diplomatic standoff between the two countries over Fang Lizhi, accused by Beijing of being a leader of the pro-democracy movement crushed on June 4, by the Chinese Army.

The standoff threatens to undermine President Bush's careful diplomacy of condemning the slaughter of hundreds of pro-democracy demonstrators while at the same time maintaining relations and keeping open a line of communication with the Beijing government.

The experts say they doubt the Chinese government would resort to invading the diplomatic sanctity of the embassy to take Fang.

"If the Chinese violated diplomatic immunity, then that obviously would provoke us to cut relations, but I find that not likely," said China expert A. Doak Barnett of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

"It is obviously a cause for added tension between the two countries. I don't know of any solution if both sides take a hard line."

President Bush a week ago suspended military sales to China as well as exchange of visits between military officials of the two countries.

He threatened to impose further sanctions and ruled out normal ties with Beijing until Chinese leaders recognise the "aspirations" of the pro-democracy movement.

Fang, a noted proponent for democratic reforms, prompted a diplomatic flap in February when Chinese police prevented him from attending a US-hosted dinner with President Bush during Bush's visit to Beijing.

With concern mounting for his safety, Fang entered the US Embassy June 5 with his wife.

China accused Washington of breaking international and Chinese laws by giving Fang sanctuary, but the United States said it was protecting him as a sign of its support of human rights and freedom of speech and expression.

A State Department spokeswoman, while not commenting directly on the Fang case, said on

Sunday the tendency was to provide sanctuary to dissidents "in imminent danger of death."

Two officials of the Chinese consulate in San Francisco opted over the weekend to remain in the United States and seek asylum, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said.

Vice-consul for culture Chou Liming, 25, and staff member Zhang Limin, 26, announced their defections at a gathering in San Francisco of 10,000 people dedicated to the memories of student-led demonstrators killed in Beijing.

US officials said Fang had not requested political asylum nor had it been granted. They said asylum could only be granted to those applying for sanctuary after arriving in the United States.

Asked if the matter could soon be resolved, US ambassador to China James Lilley said on Sunday: "I hope to God it can... because I don't think we want irritants in the Chinese-American relationship."

"But we Americans stand for certain things, and I don't think we're going to change. And I think the Chinese stand for certain things, and they're not going to change. And then you strike a deal," Lilley said.

Lilley did not describe what sort of deal he was talking about, but China analyst William Taylor of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies said the matter might not be resolved until Fang agrees to leave the embassy compound voluntarily.

"If he's totally dedicated to the reform movement and he's got guts, maybe he'll just walk out," Taylor said.

He said the US embassy could become an object of turmoil in much the same way the embassy in Tehran was in 1979 when Iranians overran the facility and held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days.

"Can the US embassy compound become an area where you have students pushing for democratic reform, facing off against more China police or in the worst case, military, who are not moving against the embassy but they surround it?"

"Suppose if the United States wants to maintain normal every day activities, what happens when US officials go in and out of the compound? You could end up with a very tense, international political standoff," Taylor said. (Reuter - Washington)

Democracy group looks for new direction in Hong Kong

By Chris Peterson

HONG KONG backers of China's protest movement are facing calls to concentrate on getting democratic reform in the British colony ahead of 1997, when it reverts to Beijing's control.

In recent weeks the Hong Kong Alliance supporting the student-led protests in China has staged huge street demonstrations and raised over 26 million Hong Kong dollars (\$3.3 million).

As Chinese authorities moved to suppress the student movement after last week's bloody military takeover of Tiananmen square, Alliance leaders met to ponder their next move.

Events in China have stirred hitherto unexpressed feelings for democracy amongst Hong

Kong's predominantly Chinese six million inhabitants.

In 1997, Hong Kong will become a special administrative region of China, with Beijing committing itself to preserving the territory's lifestyle and infrastructure for at least 50 years.

Said analyst Bob Broadfoot of the Political and Economic Risk Consultancy: "I think it (the Alliance) should sit down and start pushing on the autonomy issue in Hong Kong."

"They should direct their efforts towards getting in place a more autonomous system in Hong Kong ahead of 1997," he added.

Broadfoot said he felt the Alliance should be more circumspect about activities that could provoke the Chinese government. "I don't know what they (the

alliance) are going to do about the students in Beijing now. Sending money and so forth could be construed as interfering," said Broadfoot.

One Western diplomat said that if the movement here wanted to continue the momentum built up over the past few weeks, then actions other than street protests should be considered.

"Getting hundreds of thousands on the streets can only happen for a limited amount of time. They should switch to a more sophisticated form of lobbying," he said.

"The Hong Kong government and the establishment here is showing signs that it would be prepared to accept more democracy sooner, and they should push them hard now," he added.

Under government policy, ten directly elected seats will be



China's most prominent dissident Fang Lizhi who has taken refuge in the US Embassy in Beijing.

introduced into the colony's legislature in 1991, a decision taken before the democratic movement exploded on to the scene in China.

At present, members of the legislative council are either appointed by the governor or elected from within various constituencies representing professions and organisations within the colony.

As the student movement gained ground in China, Governor Sir David Wilson's senior local advisers and members of the legislative council gave a rare show of public unity by touting

the need for complete universal suffrage by 2003.

Other civic leaders in Hong Kong urged the Alliance not to do anything in support of the Beijing students which would give the authorities an excuse for an even harsher crackdown.

Leung Chun-Ying, secretary-general of the Basic Law Consultative Committee, which seeks local views on the constitution that will govern life here after 1997, on Sunday urged Hong Kong people to break away from open support of the Beijing student movement.

"We should stop having illusions about the Beijing govern-

ment — that it would tolerate Hong Kong people supporting the student movement because of our economic contributions."

"It is too risky anyway as the support would result in intervention by China well before 1997," he told a public meeting.

Legislative councillor Andrew Wong, addressing the same meeting, agreed, saying continued direct support for the students could give Beijing the excuse to exercise its power and brush aside Hong Kong people's views on the basic law, and produce its own draft. (Reuter - Hong Kong)

Man-in-the-news

Uno: well versed in foreign affairs

SOUSUKE UNO was elected president of the Liberal Democratic Party on June 2, 1989, by vote of the LDP members in both houses of the national Diet. On the same day he was designated prime minister by a resolution of the Diet.

At a press conference following his election to the LDP presidency, Uno stated his intention of maintaining the policies of his predecessor, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita in both domestic and foreign policy and of making political reform his first priority for the immediate future.

With the Paris summit coming up next month, Uno is stressing continuity in diplomatic affairs, as seen in his cabinet appointments, which include Hiroshi Mitsuoka, an expert on Japan-US economic relations, to replace himself as minister for foreign affairs and Seiroke Kajiyama, who is well versed in government policy making, as minister of international trade and industry.

Uno has stated, at a press conference on June 3, that his new administration's mission is to achieve "reform and advancement," and he has declared his intention of moving forward with the ongoing programme of political, administrative and fiscal reform under the slogan "Trimmed government, enriched people" as he vigorously tackles the problems facing Japan.

In the field of foreign affairs Uno intends to continue implementing the international co-operation initiative announced by the Japanese government last year, which has three pillars: expansion of official development assistance, promotion of cultural exchange, and co-operation for achievement of peace.

Uno was born in August 1922 to a century-old sake-brewing family in Morioka City, Shiga Prefecture, about 350 km west of Tokyo. He left Kobe University of Commerce upon being conscripted into the military in 1943. At the end of World War II Uno was in the northern part of the Korean peninsula.

Uno spent the next two years in an internment camp in Siberia, an experience that he described in his first book *Domoi Tokyo* (Home to Tokyo). "I wrote the book to raise public awareness of the need to repatriate Japanese internees from Siberia," he said.

"Although the work of an unknown youth, it was made into a film and even had a major impact on the government of the day. It was this experience of the power of public opinion that led me to enter politics."

Uno won election to the House of Representatives for the first time in the 1960 general election, at the age of 38, after serving

two terms in the Shiga Prefectural Assembly.

In June 1964 he toured Indonesia and the Philippines as a representative of the Asia subgroup of Japan's overseas youth survey team. As chief of the Liberal Democratic Party's youth subsection he developed the concept of a Japanese "Peace Corps" with Takeshita, who was then head of the party's youth section, and student subsection chief Toshiki Kaifu (who later served as minister of education).

After just four years in Diet, Uno was attracting considerable attention within the LDP along with Takeshita and Kaifu.

Uno was still a junior politician with only two successful election campaigns under his belt when negotiations began on the normalisation of relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Uno's work laid the foundation for the conclusion of the treaty on basic relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea and led to a solution to the fisheries problem, which was a major issue at that time.

From 1970 onward Uno began to establish a reputation as one of the LDP's leading experts of finance. He served for three years as director of the finance division of the LDP Policy Research Council and for six years as deputy chairman of the LDP Research Commission on the tax system.

Party posts held by Uno include the chairmanship of the LDP Diet Affairs Committee; he also served as acting secretary-general for two periods during the administration of Yasuhiro Nakasone (1982-1987).

One of the reasons for Uno's consistent popularity with various sectors of the public is probably his frequent participation in televised parliamentary debates, during which he has confounded representatives of other political parties with his eloquent arguments on policies and other issues.

While serving as minister of state and director-general of the Science and Technology Agency in the cabinet of Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda (1976-78), Uno participated in complex Japan-US negotiations on nuclear energy.

In August 1977 a major turning point was reached in these negotiations over the operation of the Tokai Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing Plant in Japan. The American negotiating team was headed by Ambassador Gerard Smith. Smith, whose hobby was tuna fishing, remarked after a tough negotiating session with Uno that the minister was an extremely tough fish to hook. The negotiations had already lasted five months since the first session in April, and agreement was reached just

a few hours before Smith was due to return to the United States. As a result, it became possible to operate the plant.

In 1979 Uno was appointed minister of state and director-general of the Administrative Management Agency in the Masayoshi Ohira cabinet (1978-1980). He worked tirelessly in the area of administrative reform, and his efforts bore fruit the following year when 16 reform bills were put before the ordinary session of the Diet. It is fair to say that Uno's work as director-general of the Administrative Management Agency laid the groundwork for the administrative reform line that has been pursued consistently by subsequent cabinets.

In June 1983 Uno, who was then LDP acting secretary-general, was suddenly called on to take over the portfolio of international trade and industry in the Nakasone cabinet following the resignation of Sadaori Yamanaka due to ill health.

A month after his appointment, Uno participated in quadrilateral talks in London, during which he discussed Japan-US trade problems with the US trade representative William Brock. Shortly afterward the controversy over the extension of voluntary restraints on Japanese car exports to the United States was resolved. Uno successfully passed this test of his ability to handle his new position, thereby confirming his reputation as a capable and reliable politician.

In addition to holding the cabinet's posts described above, Uno also served as director-general of the Defence Agency under Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka (1972-74).

At a press conference in November 1987, immediately after his appointment as foreign minister in the Takeshita cabinet, Uno cited Japan's position as a member of the Western alliance and of the Asia-Pacific family of nations: he promised to work to strengthen these two aspects of Japan's external relations while fostering this country's evolution into a nation 30th more open to the rest of the world and contributing more to it.

Given the unsettled nature of global affairs, particularly in the economic sphere, Uno also stressed the vital importance of co-operation among the major industrial nations. Stating that many of Japan's current foreign policy concerns were inextricably linked to domestic issues, he called on the Japanese people to co-operate in the solution of those problems.

In November 1987, shortly after taking office as foreign minister, Uno travelled to Geneva to attend a ministerial conference of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade.

Affluent Asians

Thailand coming up

By Julian M. Weiss

BANGKOK: West of Asia's increasingly affluent "four dragons," another candidate eagerly awaits its ascension to such status.

Some people say that Thailand will be the next NIC (newly industrialised country), but doubts linger about just how similar conditions in the country are compared with those that propelled Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and Singapore to NIC status.

Only in the past few years were prospects of leaping beyond a largely agricultural base taken seriously in this nation of 54 million. Agriculture still constitutes a sixth of the \$51 billion gross national product — an amount \$10 billion higher than in 1986. Per capita GNP is more than \$800, or about a fifth of the level found in any present NIC. In the depressed rural sections, it is probably \$300 to \$350.

Other impediments seem to frustrate the catalysts required for growth. Compared with the dynamism around other sections of Southeast Asia, Thailand appears to be aloof and uninterested in wide-scale economic development. Also, the model of an export-driven boom is doubtful under current conditions.

Still, several factors have recently intertwined to fuel dramatic growth. For one, economic planners in this pro-Western market-oriented country were quick to diversify products sold overseas. For example, low-end agricultural goods "were dropped," according to Gautam Kaji, country director at the World Bank. "Thailand became a major food processor, catching up to Taiwan in canned goods."

Nowhere is the diversification strategy more evident than in manufacturing, which accounts for some 2.5 million in a work force of 27 million. Rubber products, toys, furniture, and transportation equipment are gaining rapidly. The traditional textiles base is not as important as before.

It is foreign capital and technology that is priming the economic pump. An influx of direct investment from Japanese multinationals has seen \$2.4 billion enter Thai borders — much of it destined to reach special tax-free economic zones outside the capital. As competitive-conscious Japanese corporations have realised the need to save costs in the face of the yen's historic realignment, Thai planners have assured Tokyo that a large pool of workers could be successfully trained to pursue new occupations.

In recent months, the four NICs have developed a large investment pool. "They reached a certain plateau of growth, and were dropped from benefits of favourable GSP (generalised standards of preference) import treatment," says John Mathieson, a specialist at Stanford Research Institute. With this shift in the East Asian economy, capital from Korea and Taiwan has sought the same benefits of lower-cost labour. Those rates are as low as 60 to 70 baht a day for most workers in Thailand (about 40 cents an hour). In the other "dragons," comparable rates range from \$1.25 to \$2.20 an hour.

Thailand was reluctant to allow foreign-owned corporations to have control over management of factories, and still offers only minority shares of ownership. Restrictions include quotas on quantities exported. "Bureaucracy must take steps to streamline procedures," says Parris Chang, director of the East Asian Studies Centre at Pennsylvania State University. He maintains that privatisation — especially in telecommunications and energy — is one formula that will help economic goals. A high growth rate last year of more than 11 per cent could be repeated this year, Dr Chang says.

Meanwhile, the country's inadequate infrastructure is being tackled. Much World Bank money has been channelled to ambitious port and harbour ventures. This year, the bank will authorise loans of \$177 million for all sectors. (The Christian Science Monitor)

Jehan calls for interfaith dialogue



Jehan with Cardinal Willebrands (left) and Riegner (right) at the ceremony. (Reuters wirephoto)

SAO PAULO, Brazil, June 12 (AP): Invoking her late husband's memory, the widow of former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat has expressed confidence that Jews, Christians and Muslims will someday work together for peace in the Mideast.

Jehan Sadat spoke yesterday at a ceremony promoting interfaith dialogue. At least 500 people attended the event, organised and sponsored by the National Commission for Catholic-Jewish Dialogue which works under the auspices of the National Conference of Brazilian bishops.

"We are all descendants of Abraham," said Jehan, the keynote speaker. "Who knows, maybe the day is not far off when Jews, Christians and Muslims will fulfil Anwar Sadat's dreams of a unified truth, symbolised in the synagogue, mosque and church, and of peace in the Middle East."

"I bet my husband's soul is very happy seeing

Christian, Jewish and Muslim brothers gathered here together," she said. "This is the real peace which we all want."

Sadat was assassinated Oct 6, 1981, by extremist Muslim soldiers opposed to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, and Gerhart Riegner, chairman of the governing board of the World Jewish Congress, received the Patriarch Abraham Award at the event.

Rabbi Henry Sobel of the Sao Paulo Jewish congregation said the two were chosen "for their lifelong devotion to the strengthening of relations between Catholics and Jews."

Commenting on Jewish-Catholic dialogue, Willebrands said: "We look back with great sorrow upon the long history of divisions, polemics and misunderstandings which kept us apart for so long."

Hamas appeals

Help uprising

NICOSIA, June 12 (Reuters): A radical Palestinian group has appealed to Arab leaders to do everything possible to support the 18-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The Islamic resistance movement known as Hamas made the appeal in a letter to the leaders released in Nicosia today.

"We appeal to you to use all the efforts you have and to employ all the resources God has given you to serve the interest of our cause, which is ... the cause of the Arab and Muslim world," it said.

It said the revolt in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip would continue until Arab sovereignty was restored.

The letter reiterated a call made last month for Arab states to open their borders to allow commandos to reach Israel and called on the Arab leaders to aid Hamas representatives abroad.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Israeli arms sales

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 12 (AP): The Defence Ministry announced yesterday that weapons sales for 1988 totalled \$1.47 billion, including \$400 million in exports to the United States.

Israel produces a wide variety of light weapons, such as the Uzi sub-machine-gun, as well as the Merkava tank and the Kfir jet fighter.

Military exports for 1988 were \$1.47 billion and export contracts were signed that exceeded the last peak year, said Ministry of Defence director-general David Ivry.

The Israel Economist magazine reported recently that Israel received \$2 billion worth of contracts for military goods in 1988, twice the amount of 1987.

Arab editor fined

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 12 (Reuters): An Israeli court fined the editor of the Arab daily Al-Fajr \$1,000 today for publishing an interview in 1986 with PLO chief Yasser Arafat without first submitting it to military censorship.

Editor Hanna Siniara, vowing to challenge the magistrate court ruling, said afterwards: "This sentence is unjust because the interview did not contain anything about the situation in Israel."

"It just spoke about the situation of Palestinians in Lebanon," Siniara told reporters.

Egypt-Lebanon ties

CAIRO, June 12 (Reuters): Lebanon will restore diplomatic relations with Egypt tomorrow after a 10-year break, Foreign Ministry sources said today.

They said a joint statement issued in Cairo and Lebanon would announce the resumption of normal relations, cut since 1979 when Egypt signed the only Arab peace treaty with Israel.

Egypt was readmitted to the Arab League at last month's summit in Casablanca.

Minister's visit

CAIRO, June 12 (KUNA): King Carl Gustaf of Sweden today received Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid, who arrived in Stockholm yesterday on the fourth leg of his European tour. Radio Cairo reported.

Abdul Meguid will also meet today with Foreign Minister Sami Anderson to discuss international issues of mutual interest and bilateral relations, the radio added.

Moroccan prisoners

ROME, June 12 (AP): A Polisario front spokesman said yesterday the rebels would release 200 Moroccan prisoners of war this week to improve the atmosphere for talks on ending the war in the Western Sahara, the Italian news agency Ansa reported.

Ahmed Boudi, the European representative for Polisario, was quoted as saying the prisoners would be freed by Saturday "with the aim of contributing to creating an atmosphere favourable to the success of the mission that ... the UN secretary-general will begin this week."

Soldier killed

TYRE, June 12 (AP): An Israeli jeep carrying four Israeli soldiers on patrol in south Lebanon overtook a UN peacekeepers' headquarters in Naqura, killing one Israeli soldier and injuring another, police said.

They said the incident occurred at 10:00 am (0700 GMT) approximately 500 metres from the UN headquarters of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel said the two soldiers were taken to a Swedish-run UNIFIL hospital in the border town of Naqura.

"One of the soldiers died immediately after arriving at the hospital," Goksel said. "The other was slightly wounded."

He said the other two soldiers were unhurt.

Arab culture

PARIS, June 12 (KUNA): Centuries-old culture and heritage of the southern Arab peninsula comes to Europe as the cultural week of the Sultanate of Oman opens here on Wednesday.

The activities of the cultural week, which varies between modern arts gallery to a show of Omani jewels and handicrafts, takes place at the Arab World Institute under the patronage of the Omani National Heritage and Culture Ministry.

Jerash festival

AMMAN, June 12 (AP): Jerash Festival for Arts and Culture will open on July 5 to most performances of 25 international groups, including several from the United States, the Soviet Union, Japan and Europe, one of the key organisers said.

Laila Sharaf, deputy chairman of the Jerash Festival for Arts and Culture, said the performances range from acrobatics and international folk dances to world class opera, ballet and poetry readings.

Death penalty

CAIRO, June 12 (Reuters): A Cairo court today sentenced eight drug smugglers to death and parliament approved a tough new law for narcotics crimes.

Judge Antoine Bassily, presiding over three separate cases, passed death sentences on five Lebanese and three Egyptians who tried to smuggle in heroin from Lebanon. Egypt's religious authority approved the sentences.

Syria-Arab League

DAMASCUS, June 12 (AP): Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharara met today with the Arab League representative trying to solidify the fragile ceasefire the League called in Lebanon last month.

Lukhdar Ibrahim, assistant secretary-general of the League, discussed with Al Sharara the issues surrounding the ceasefire, according to the Syrian Arab News Agency.

Israel spurns offer by Egypt to mediate

Shamir's plan denounced

JERUSALEM, June 12 (Agencies): Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir today rejected an Egyptian offer to mediate between the Jewish state and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Visiting Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali made the offer at separate meetings with Shamir and some 30 leading Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Several prominent Palestinians did not attend the meeting either because of threats from a radical PLO faction while others boycotted the session because it was held in Israel instead of in Arab East Jerusalem.

Saeed Kanaan, a West Bank businessman, said he received a call last night from someone representing the Syrian-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine who threatened to kill those who met with Ghali.

Shamir's spokesman Avi Pazner quoted the headline prime minister as saying: "Israel is not interested in negotiations with the PLO, but if Egypt is prepared to encourage local Palestinians to take part in the elections and the negotiating process, that would be extremely helpful."

The PLO-backed unified leadership of the uprising in the occupied territories today reaffirmed its rejection of Shamir's plan for elections to choose Palestinian delegates to negotiate interim self-rule with Israel.



Ghali (centre) meets Hikmat Al Masri of Nablus (left) and other Palestinian leaders. Egyptian Ambassador to Israel Mohammed Bassiony is at right. (Reuters wirephoto)

"Shamir's plan will find itself in the dustbin of history," the underground leaders said in their latest leaflet.

The statement urged Arab countries to pressure the United States to accept Palestinian "legitimate rights" as a first step towards peace.

Ghali, whose country has the only Arab peace pact with Israel, said Cairo saw both positive and negative points in the Israeli initiative.

"If we correct these negative points, we may see this plan as a start to a dialogue between the Palestinian people on the one side and the Israeli people on the other side, or between the PLO and the Israeli government," said Ghali, who asserted Egyptian support for the Palestinian uprising.

Washington last week rejected PLO demands that it recognise the Palestinian right to self-determination and statehood in exchange for Palestinian participation in the Israeli-proposed elections.

Meanwhile, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat joined Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak today in praising a new "seriousness" in the US position on the Palestinians that could lead toward settlement.

"There is a seriousness in the right direction to find a comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue," Mubarak said. "We have to encourage this direction."

Both men referred to recent comments by US President George Bush and by Secretary of State James Baker saying generally that Israel must end its occupation of Arab territories won in the 1967 - Arab-Israeli war. Baker said the Jewish state must give up dreams of a greater Israel.

"These are positive statements," said Arafat. While Ghali met Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens in Jerusalem, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo for talks expected to cover Palestinian conditions for accepting elections.

The PLO has said such polls could take place only under international supervision after Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

Meanwhile, the underground leadership of the Palestinian uprising yesterday distributed a leaflet throughout the occupied territories calling on Arabs to kill soldiers and Jewish settlers with knives in retaliation for the Army's shooting of Arab youth.

In another development, the Army lifted a week-long curfew imposed on the 700,000 residents of the Gaza Strip.

"It is our right to defend ourselves and slaughter our enemy with knives because our blood is not cheaper than theirs," the clandestine Unified National Leadership of the Uprising said.

"It is a condition that is not easy to meet," Abu Saleh said.

No agreement in peace talks

Sudan, rebels to meet again

ADDIS ABABA, June 12 (Reuters): Peace talks to end Sudan's six-year-old civil war ended without agreement today but the rebels and the government said they would meet again next month.

In a joint statement, the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and a Sudanese ministerial delegation said they had not agreed on how to implement a freeze on Islamic sharia law which the rebels had demanded as a peace condition.

The SPLA did not say whether it would again extend its unilateral declaration of ceasefire which is due to expire on Thursday.

The SPLA declared the ceasefire on May 1 to help a United Nations effort to ship more than 100,000 tonnes of food into the war zones of southern Sudan, where UN officials say 100,000 people risk starvation this year.

The two sides also disagreed over the status of Sudan's defence protocol with Libya, which the SPLA wants abrogated.

The rebels say they want the agreement formally cancelled but the Sudanese government said the pact has already expired.

Sudan had already agreed in principle to accept the SPLA demands to freeze sharia law, cancel foreign military pacts, call a constitutional conference and end the state of emergency. The two days of talks which began on Saturday were intended to work out details of implementation.

The joint statement said both sides agreed to discuss the state of

emergency when talks resume on July 4 and to hold a constitutional conference on Sept 18.

SPLA delegation leader Lam Akol told a news conference after the meeting that Sudan had not moved far enough on sharia.

"The law is still in the statute books and hundreds of offenders are in jail waiting to be sentenced," he said. "We at the SPLA consider that justice delayed is justice denied."

The SPLA has been fighting since 1983 to end what it sees as domination of Sudan's Christian and animist south by the Muslim north.

Meanwhile, Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi has accused SPLA of hindering peace talks by setting new conditions for a truce.

"There is no need to create new additions to what has already been agreed upon because this will complicate things," Khar-toum newspapers today quoted Mahdi as saying.

Information Minister Hussein Abu Saleh echoed the charge against SPLA.

He said the negotiations in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa should focus on agreeing on a ceasefire and preparations for a constitutional conference to decide on Sudan's future.

Mahdi and Abu Saleh both objected to a demand by the SPLA for the Sudanese Parliament to pass a resolution freezing implementation of Islamic sharia punishments, known as hudud.

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Police battle with Islamic fundamentalists

ASSIUT, Egypt, June 12 (AP): A manhunt was under way today for alleged Muslim extremist leaders after a street battle in which police shot and wounded a man and two police cars were burned, a security source said.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said police instigated the fight last night with an attack on around 200 Muslim fundamentalists near the mosque they use as their headquarters.

He said the men had been patrolling the streets near the mosque in recent weeks with chains and pocket knives to enforce Islamic strictures forbidding unchaperoned social interaction between

women and men unrelated by blood or marriage. The extremists would stop men and women walking together and demand proof they were related or married. Those with no proof were beaten, the source said.

Last night, police surrounded the area and demanded that the fundamentalists get out. The response was the torching of two police cars, the source said and police opened fire.

A wounded fundamentalist was shot and hospitalised, another was arrested and the rest fled. Four pocket knives and five chains were seized.



Thousands of Iranians surround the dome on Khomeini's grave.

Birth of a new shrine in Iran

Power vacuum in Iran

TEHRAN, June 12 (Agencies): Surging crowds have consecrated the gold-domed grave of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini as a new shrine of Islam.

For some it will stand for militant Shiism and revolutionary excess but for the majority of Iran's poor the tomb will stand as a memorial to a leader who gave them a purpose and a voice.

"Soon this site will be a shrine to attract the Muslims of the world," said Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, sobbing into a microphone at a ceremony at the shrine to mark the seventh day after Khomeini's death.

Rafsanjani has emerged as Iran's leading spokesman but diplomats said ideological cracks in the government would start to appear after a mourning period that may last six weeks.

Yesterday hundreds of thousands of black-clad people poured out of Tehran to the Behesht-e Zahra cemetery on a scorching hot plain south of the city.

Highways were blocked in all directions after the government announced a holiday and called for all Tehran buses and taxis to transport people to the ceremony.

Dozens of tents collected money to build a huge place of pilgrimage there and one tent alone reported receipts of 50 million rials (\$120,000) at the export exchange rate.

Tehran Radio has sometimes even referred to the grave as haram-e shari, the name of Islam's holiest shrine in Makkah, although clerics said they disapproved of this.

The shrine floor has already been paved with pale marble,

visible through a gold-painted grill under a main square block swathed in Islamic green cloth that supports the dome.

Weeping men and women surged towards their sections of the grill to grip it and press pieces of clothing on it for blessing, often not letting go until they fainted.

Despite repeated drenching of the crowd by firemen with hoses, thousands of people collapsed and were carried away on stretchers in an exhausted religious trance.

Some wore white shrouds and red-stained headcloths to symbolise the blood and martyrdom that Khomeini said was so important to be shed in defence of Islam.

Cheerleaders led the crowd through chanting of slogans that re-asserted a militant Islam, with one calling for the "eradication of America."

The crowd was however far calmer than during the attempts to bury Khomeini on Tuesday, when frenzied mourners of the occupied his simple earth grave to prevent his burial, tore his shroud and clutched at his body for blessing.

The mass mourning for Khomeini came as his daughter confirmed the spiritual leader had stomach cancer and said he had five heart attacks following surgery May 23 to stop internal bleeding, the Washington Post reported today.

Zahra Mustafavi said 40 Iranian physicians debated "every aspect" of how to care for her father in a small clinic near Khomeini's home north of the capital, the Post said. She also said every moment of his final days were recorded on concealed video recorders.

Rafsanjani, who has backed a new five year plan with a liberal economic model, would probably become president in August and a total restructuring of the economy was needed, Larjani added.

The daily gave only brief back-page mention to a speech by Rafsanjani at a huge memorial service on Sunday. But in the Tehran Times, Rafsanjani was the only person mentioned by name in an article on Iran's future by diplomat Javad Larjani.

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Libya urges

Support Egyptians

ABU DHABI, June 12 (AP): A senior Libyan official said in an interview published here today that Arab states should help boost Egypt's weapons industry.

"The Arabs must focus on strengthening Egypt's military industry and economy, by directing Arab investments to Egypt at all levels," Ali Al Treiki, Libya's ambassador at the United Nations said in an interview.

Treiki described as "a historic move" Moroccan King Hassan's sponsorship of a meeting between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi on the margin of the summit held in Casablanca.

Commenting on previous hostility between the two North African neighbours, Treiki said it was only "a difference on a pan-Arab cause."

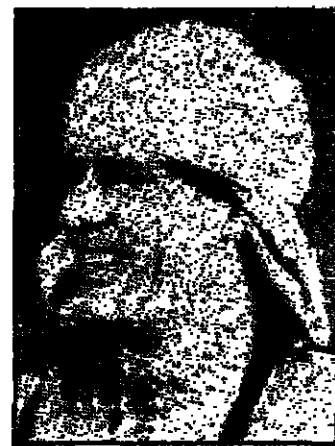
Khaddafi praises 'wise' Bush

ROME, June 12 (Agencies): Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi yesterday praised the administration of US President George Bush as "mature and wise" and said he expected "balanced relations" with both superpowers, the official Libyan news agency JANA reported.

Khaddafi's comments appeared to be part of an effort in recent months to improve relations with the United States, which were sour under former US president Ronald Reagan.

Khaddafi told a JANA reporter in Tripoli: "The Bush administration is a wise and mature administration and understands international politics and it is not possible that it will repeat the ignorance of Reagan and it is not possible that it will inflict new damages to American interests and foreign policy."

"But contrary to that, we believe the new administration



Khaddafi

Happy birthday dear Batman...

By Val Sampson

"WHEN you turn up, just ask for Batboy," says the breezy voice on the phone. "Everyone knows about me."

Mild-mannered Duncan McAlpine has a magnificent obsession, and it's about Batman, whose 50th birthday was May 29.

Ask him a question, any question, about his hero and the response is unhesitating. What does Batman keep in his utility belt? Shark repellent spray, of course.

The comic character's most devoted fan has packed his bedroom — he prefers to refer to it as "the Batcave" — with memorabilia, part of a collection he recently learned was worth more than a half million pounds.

Duncan turns up for our meeting — in the reception of the BBC's Lime Grove Studios, where he works as a researcher — disappointingly dressed in a sunshine yellow shirt and matching trousers, but cape and costume are never far away.

As he leads the way to the staff canteen you overhear him muttering to himself: "Good thinking, Batman..."

The word 'fan' fails to sum up 29-year-old Duncan's devotion, for it borders on religious fervour. Fortunately it's shared by his girlfriend Louise Craven, 27.

Duncan's prodigious knowledge has been harnessed for a Late Show Special on the extraordinary Batman myth — due to be screened on BBC 2 on June 15. He has even advised the makers of the big-budget Batman movie, starring Jack Nicholson and Kim Basinger, which will fill Britain with Bat-maniacs when it's released

here later this summer.

None, perhaps will rival Duncan. "No, I don't leap off wardrobes," he insists, but at home in his North London flat, guarded by a life-size cardboard cut-out of his hero, he fills his bulging file on the Caped Crusader with every conceivable fact.

There, he pores lovingly over comics from a collection 30,000-strong, and revels in the image of Gotham City's crime fighter immortalised on toothpaste, slippers, wallpaper and carpet.

Lucrative

Many of his prized possessions — comic memorabilia has soared in value and is highly collectable — are stored under lock and key. Occasionally he visits the vaults of his bank to open the drawers and let the precious — literally — papers breathe.

Thanks to an antiques-collecting mother who never insisted he cleared out his room ("I was on my third bedroom in the family home") Duncan's childhood hobby developed into a full-blown and lucrative pastime.

These days comic books are more likely to dwell in the Gucci briefcases of pin-striped merchant bankers than the torn trousers of scruffy small boys. Duncan whispers that Golden Age Comic Books from 1938 to 1942 are fourth on a Dow Jones list of moveable commodities — after gold bullion, industrial diamonds and fine art.

Despite the onset of middle age, the Caped Crusader's utility belt hasn't let out to accommodate a paunch and his muscles still ripple across the pages of the comics chronicling his global adventures.

The 1960s spin-off TV series starring Adam West is seen by more than 400 million people in 108 countries around the world every day, and when screened during the TV-am dispute sent the ratings soaring.

Duncan McAlpine has won the unofficial World Batman Trivia Championship three times (last year he clinched the nail-biting final by recalling Robin's response to the first kiss Batman gave Catwoman — "Holy Mushi!" said Robin).

Legend

The BBC is planning a spooky, Gothic treatment of the story and Duncan finds the middle European legend of a half-bat, half-human creature fascinating, along with Batman's gritty determination to see fair play for all: "It's really very English."

He is hoping to persuade Warwick University to let him follow up his M.A. in film studies with a Ph.D. in Comic Book Iconography — "so by 1991 or 1992 I'll be the first Doctor of Batmanology."

Batman himself has survived tough times. In the mid-fifties, Dr Frederick Werther took the comics to the US Senate in a bid to get Batman banned. He claimed the depiction of Batman and Robin openly living together encouraged homosexuality between older men and boys.

"Dr Werther said Robin was seen wearing open-necked shirts and lounging around drinking coffee in Batman's home," explained Duncan, emphasising that Batman has always been able to brush aside such slurs.

Around 10,000 people will attend the annual Batman convention in San

Diego this August, and millions of dollars will change hands over faded comic books and bat-shaped memorabilia.

"I have seen a 13-year-old boy counting out \$30,000 for a Batman comic," recalled Duncan. "And I thought I was mad paying \$9,999 two years ago for the issue of Detective Comics in which Batman made his first appearance in May, 1939."

"But now it's worth around £25,000. After the movie it will be worth even more. It won't be long before the first comic book is sold at Sotheby's for \$100,000."

There is just one item missing from his collection. Three years ago he was offered a packet of Batman condoms.

"They were called Kapows. They were brought out in 1966, but as they weren't licensed they had to be taken off the market two days after they went on sale, so there are very few packets in existence — they are black with batwings on the end," he said, "utterly straight-faced." "I was asked for \$1,000 and I couldn't afford it at the time, but



Taking off: Batman, alias Duncan McAlpine, and girlfriend Louise. Inset, the first Batman comic, worth £25,000.

one day..."

Next April Duncan will be creating a personal tribute to Batman when he marries girlfriend Louise on Ventura Beach in California.

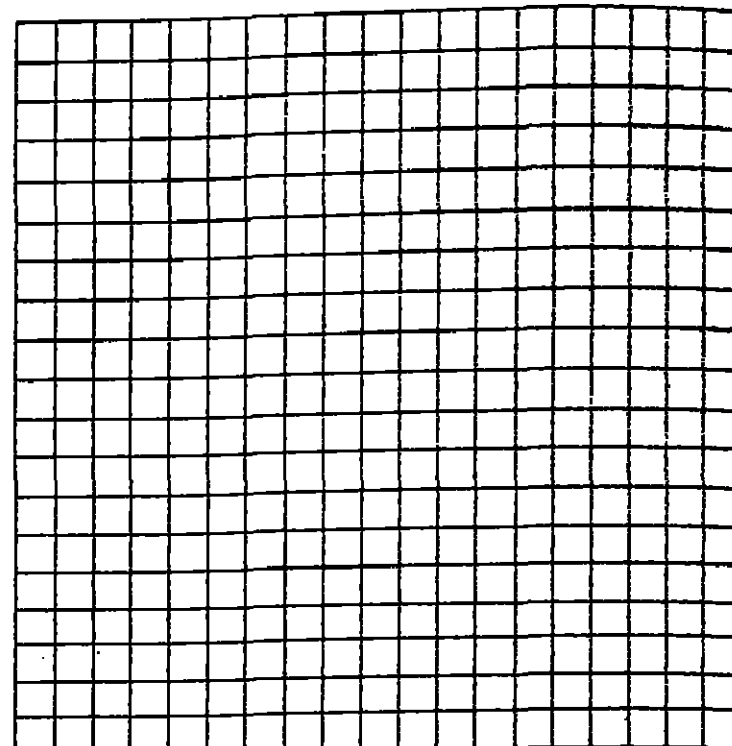
"She does look a bit like Batgirl," which may account for the attraction, he admitted.

"I'm hoping she'll wear the Batgirl costume for our wedding."

"And I know the guy who owns the original Batmobile, so we can tie the cans to the back and drive off down Batman Boulevard."

Holy matrimony, Batman...

Crossword



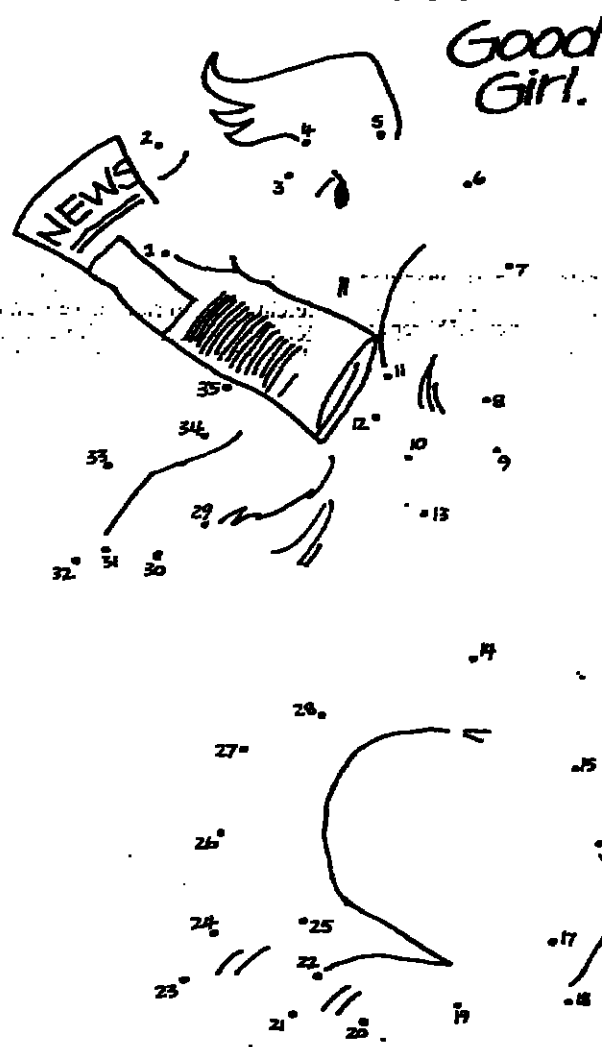
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Join the dots



Amazing facts

The dugongs, sometimes called 'sea cows' are two metres long, live on seaweed, and first gave rise to the mermaid myth.

The Egyptians were the first to calculate the solar year with 365 days.

A Stroud (Gloucestershire) man threw a standard brick 42.26 metres in 1970.

The meat of the hippopotamus though not normally eaten for food, is said to taste like juicy pork or veal.

There is a sport popular in Austria called "ski-joring" which is a land equivalent of water-skiing. The skiers are pulled across snow-covered roads by riders on horseback.

The oldest pharmacy in Europe is still in use today in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, which opened in 1317. They also opened an Old People's Home in 1347, and a medical service in 1301.

Natives of New Guinea often smoke their home-made cigarettes from the side.

Thousands of sheep were killed by an ice bombardment in Texas in 1877.

The civilizations of the Aztecs, Toltecs, Incas and Mayans all functioned without the wheel.

The author of the most influential book in English law, Sir William Blackstone, never practiced law himself.

The first recorded Olympic Games took place in 776 B.C and consisted of a 200 yards foot race.

A 13-year-old Tasmanian girl proved that an earthworm can pull 10 times its own weight.

Futility of war

...And as the hostility finally reached the peak of intense hatred they declared war on one another. As tremors of war spread, each town, each city drowned in fear, wondering as to their fate. When finally there came a day when they knew it was too late.

Fighter jets fly overhead, their bullets rip up the ground, a burst of fire, a volley of lead. People drop with every round. A mother hugging her child to her breast, a father watching the retreating troops ... "They" launch their deadliest weapon.

From one hundred miles away, to destroy all towns and all cities that happen to come in its way. Then...

Smouldering ruins and deadly guilt envelope the war wrought realm, no wars, no terror, no afflicted riot. Nothing but deathly calmness. Suddenly, a plaintive cry, breaks the brittle silence.

A little girl wanders through the city, bewildered at its ghostly stance.

No more will her mother hold her in her arms.



No more will her father carry her away from all harm. No more will her brothers guide her in the sun and storm, for all around her, scattered on the blood-red earth are the bodies of all the family, she had adored since birth.

She stands there still, crying, trying hard to understand why all her loved ones lay lifeless on the ground. While "they" celebrate their victory, while "they" toast each others bravery. Who will explain to the little girl why she's left alone in this cold, cruel world? Nuzhat Jabeen Mushtaq XII (GSC) Pakistan School and College Rumethiya

Just for laughs!

"Guilty or not guilty of begging?" asked the beak.

"Nearly guilty," said the beggar.

"What do you mean, 'nearly' guilty?" asked the puzzled magistrate.

"Well, your honour, I asked the lady for fifty pence but I didn't get it."

You are charged with stealing a television set.

"I only took it as a joke, your honour."

"Where did you take it?"

"To Glasgow."

"That's what I'd call taking a joke too far. Fined, £100."

How did you get on in court yesterday?

"Oh, fine..."

"Oh don't talk to me about lawyers," sighed the widow. "I've had so much trouble settling my late husband's estate that I sometimes wish he hadn't died..."

"Where are your rear lights?" said the traffic cop to the motorist.

The motorist looked round and started. "Never mind my rear lights," he said, "where's my trailer?"

"Did you actually see my client bite off his neighbour's nose?" asked defending counsel.

"Well, I didn't actually see him bite it off," admitted the witness, "but I saw him spit it out!"

Solution to Thursday's crossword

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SPACE WHITE RACE
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Wordsearch

MAINLY SPICY

BAY

BORAGE

CAMOMILE

CLARY

ENDIVE

HENBANE

HOREHOUND

HORSEADISH

HYSSOP

JUNIPER

MACE

MAJORAM

MINT

MOTHERWORT

MYRRH

OREGANO

PEPPERMINT

RAMPION

RAPE

ROSEMARY

RUE

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SAMPHERE

SESAME

TANSY

THYME

TURMERIC

WATERCRESS

WAYBREAD

WORMWOOD

Colouring time



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Clue: South American hot stuff? (6 letters)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Energy File

World oil prices under new pressure

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): Oil prices slid today in a world market which has yet to be convinced that OPEC can curb excess production.

Traders said supply was adequate so that buyers judged it safe to adopt a wait-and-see attitude on the latest production agreement by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Two of the 13 OPEC members, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, rejected new sales quotas which were assigned to them at a Vienna meeting last Wednesday.

"I expected a couple of days of wobbles," said a London-based dealer in oil futures.

North Sea Brent blend, a world market crude, eased some 50 cents today to \$17.35 per barrel for early loading, a fall of around \$1 from before the OPEC meeting.

July futures for US benchmark West Texas Intermediate began the New York week with a drop of more than 30 cents to just above \$19.50 per barrel before recovering a little.

WTI fell 80 cents right after the OPEC accord on Wednesday but then bounced back somewhat. US fringe house Salomon Brothers say it thinks WTI will fall to \$18 "but we do not rule out the possibility of a sharper drop to \$16 per barrel."

It sees a possibility that quota "leakage" will keep OPEC output above 21 million barrels daily in the July-September quarter, whereas the International Energy Agency sees a call on OPEC oil of only 19.6 million in that period.

Oil refinery

■ HAVANA, June 12, (Reuters): Cuba's biggest oil refinery, still under construction, is scheduled to begin production in 1990, the Cuban news agency AIN reported yesterday.

The refinery, being built with Soviet aid, is located on the shore of Cienfuegos Bay in south-central Cuba.

Some 20 km from the refinery is the construction site of Cuba's first nuclear power plant. The first of its four reactors is scheduled to go into operation in 1991.

Statoli stake

■ OSLO, June 12, (Reuters): Norway's state oil firm Statoil said today it hoped to sell a 9.6 per cent in the huge North Sea Snorre oil field to Japanese oil company Idemitsu for up to \$205 million.

Norway's biggest company, troubled by low oil prices and huge cost overruns, said in a statement that the planned sale was part of restructuring plans. The deal must be approved by both Japanese and Norwegian authorities.

Oil prices

■ LONDON, June 12, (OPECNA): OPEC conference president Al Hajj Rihwanu Lukman was quoted here as saying that oil prices would stay around the \$18 per barrel OPEC figure.

He said production levels agreed upon at last week's conference of OPEC oil ministers in Vienna were "less than our expectation of oil demand during the third and fourth quarters."

Oil exploration

■ DOHA, June 12, (OPECNA): France's Elf Aquitaine is to carry out exploration work in Qatar under a production-sharing contract signed earlier this year.

Under the accord, the company obtained a 2,800 sq km offshore oil exploration permit for six years in block 6, east of the Qatari coast.

Khorafi for Vienna

KUWAIT, June 12, (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Finance Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi left here today for Vienna to attend the 10th ministerial council meeting of the OPEC Fund for International Development which opens here tomorrow.

Tomorrow's meeting will elect a chairman and deputy chairman for the council.

The ministerial council is due to discuss the annual financial report for the previous year and the financial status of the fund.

Khorafi is accompanied by deputy director-general of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development Abdul Wahab Al Bader and the director of the minister's office Mohammed Al Meshed.

Keen to hold output quota

Kuwait vows continued support for OPEC

KUWAIT, June 12, (KUNA): Kuwait today pledged continued support for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) but stressed that it would hold the production quota it demanded during the OPEC conference in Vienna last week.

Kuwait's vow of backing to the 13-member organisation was

voiced by the Supreme Petroleum Council which met this morning in a session chaired by His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed said the meeting reviewed the results of the last OPEC

ministerial conference in which Kuwait expressed reservations on its allotted production share of just over one million barrels per day and demanded some extra 300,000 BPD.

"The council reaffirms that Kuwait, as an OPEC founding member, sees in the organisation an important instrument of co-

operation among its members and continues to support the organisation's resolution fixing production ceiling and prices," Al Rashed said.

The state minister said Kuwait also reaffirms that its reservations on the percentage of the new OPEC individual output shares stemmed from the coun-

try's keen interest in defending its own rights, now familiar to all OPEC members.

OPEC decided last week to raise its overall production ceiling by one million barrels to 19.5 million BPD for the second half of the year, and to maintain the current benchmark price of \$18 per barrel. Formally, Kuwait

was assigned a production quota of 1.093 million BPD.

But Kuwait officially expressed reservations on the way the production rise was distributed among OPEC members and said it would be producing 1.35 million BPD till the next meeting of the organisation's ministerial price-monitoring committee in

September.

In his statement today, Al Rashed said Kuwait, while determined to hold to the production quota it demanded in the OPEC conference, hopes the organisation's next meetings would show more understanding and acceptance of Kuwait's "rightful" production rise.

Jordan hopes for Arab aid

Amman faces \$900m budget deficit

AMMAN, June 12, (Reuters): Jordan faces a budget deficit of \$900 million which it hopes to cover with Arab aid, new loans and debt rescheduling in line with IMF-approved reforms, Finance Minister Basel Jaradneh said today.

The previous government of Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i, who resigned after April price riots, had projected a 1989 budget deficit of only 154 million dinars (\$269 million).

Jaradneh, making his first public statement since taking office on April 27, said Jordan wanted to reschedule \$650 million of its 1989 foreign debt repayments, put by the International Monetary Fund at just over \$1 billion.

He said Amman would rely on grants from Arab and foreign

countries, new concessionary loans from the World Bank, the IMF and the Arab fund to cover the remaining shortfall.

"I am confident that the financial gap will be covered in a smooth manner," Jaradneh told a group of Jordanian and Indian businessmen meeting in Amman to discuss joint ventures.

Jordan, which won IMF support for debt rescheduling after agreeing to a five-year reform plan in April, is due to start talks with the Paris Club of creditor governments in mid-July to reschedule part of its \$8.1 billion foreign debt.

Amman has also contacted creditor banks grouped in the London Club to reschedule commercial debt.

Jaradneh said the IMF would approve a \$125 million standby

credit by early July.

The minister said Jordan had received \$200 million in aid from unnamed Arab countries this year and said other Arab states had assured Jordan they would make funds available.

Jordan, with three million people and few natural resources, has long depended on Arab aid, foreign loans and remittances from migrant workers to cover budget and trade deficits.

Jaradneh said Jordan's gross domestic product (GDP) had fallen by 3.5 per cent in 1988, the trade deficit had widened and the dinar had come under increased pressure.

He hoped the new debt management policy would reduce inflation from 14 per cent currently to seven per cent by 1993.

British inflation fears fanned

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): British shoppers who went on a spending spree in unseasonably hot spring weather last month have helped to fan fears that inflation is still a problem and that domestic interest rates might have to rise again.

The government said seasonally adjusted May retail sales jumped by 2.5 per cent — more than three times as fast as economists had predicted — after a 1.4 per cent fall in April.

"This is much stronger than expected and will increase the upward pressure on UK interest rates," an economist with Midland Bank said.

Investors saw the news as a blow to the government's strategy of using high interest rates to brake inflation and to prevent the economy from overheating.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of the top 100 shares traded in London fell 10.7 points to 2,131.4 soon after the data was released but later recovered around five points.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson has pushed up bank base interest rates 10 times in the past year from a starting point of 7.5 per cent to curb consumer spending power.

Money market interest rates rose after today's data, adding pressure for a rise in the current base rate of 14 per cent.

Treasury sources said monthly sales figures were erratic and subject to revision, adding that the hot, dry May weather had encouraged consumer spending and distorted the figures.

Analysts said government policy taking hold, but slowly. "I think the policy itself is working (but) I think there is an element of market impatience about the whole thing," said Michael Hughes, chief analyst at stockbrokers Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

"They are beginning to feel it's going to be quite some time before the pressures come off interest rates."



A foreign exchange quotation board flashes a trading rate of 147.48 yen during early currency trading yesterday after the dollar's rise to 147.90 following its 147.60 yen opening, up 4.10 from Friday's Tokyo close and at its highest level in Tokyo since August 18, 1987. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gold prices soar

Dollar powers to 2-1/2-year high

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): The dollar powered ahead to close at a 2-1/2-year high in Europe today on growing confidence that US interest rates would stay high for the time being, dealers said.

Even reports of open market intervention today by the US and Canadian central banks failed to blunt its sharp rise, which has also taken momentum from investors who see the dollar as a safe haven after the recent unrest in China.

Stock markets ended generally lower because of concern at the strength of the dollar and early declines on Wall Street.

Gold ended up from early 33-month lows but oil prices fell by nearly \$1 a barrel.

The dollar closed in London at 2.2060 West German marks and 148.88 Japanese yen after ending on Friday at 2.0055 and 146.330. "The market might gather its

strength here before an assault on 2.05 marks," one Frankfurt dealer said. "But the mark rate is taking its lead from the yen."

Currency dealers said the yen was under pressure from the turmoil in China and from fresh domestic political scandals.

Dealers said if US economic statistics due out later this week were reasonably favourable, the dollar had the potential to reach 2.05 or even 2.07 marks.

Economists expect the US trade deficit for April, due out on Thursday, to be around \$8.6 billion after \$8.9 billion in March.

But some dealers in Frankfurt said there was a feeling in the market that the deficit could be similar, and perhaps even as low as six to \$7 billion. "If the figure really was that good we'd go to 2.07 marks," one dealer said.

The US dollar closed at 148.40 yen, up 4.90 yen from Friday's finish, the Bank of Japan said.

The closing rate was the highest since Aug 18, 1987, when the dollar closed at 148.85 yen.

After opening sharply higher at 147.60 yen in line with its advance in overseas markets, the dollar soared on purchase by institutional investors, banks and trading houses to hit a high of 148.45 yen.

The dollar hit a low of 147.35 yen periodically as some market players moved for profit-taking and the Bank of Japan bought an estimated \$700 million worth of yen.

Friday's fluctuation was 143.25-143.65 yen.

The central trading rate climbed to 147.60 yen from 143.55 yen on Friday.

Gold bullion firmed in London after starting the day at fresh 33-month lows of \$357.85 an ounce. It closed at \$361.25 an ounce against a Friday finish of 368.25.

Iranian rial jumps

NICOSIA, June 12, (Reuters): The Iranian rial surged in black market trading today on expectations Tehran will pursue more liberal economic policies after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, dealers said.

The London-based dealers said the dollar was fetching \$270 rials in Tehran against 1,410 before Khomeini's death on June 3, equal to an 11 per cent drop in the value of the dollar.

"I reckon the dollar will slip even further in the coming days," said one of the operators, who deals in Iran by telephone. "At the moment there are more sellers (of dollars) than buyers."

As trading resumed today after nation-wide mourning last week, dealers said the market felt there had been a smooth transfer of power to leaders who aim to boost the private sector and open the economy to the West.

Moderate Ali Khamenei was last week named supreme leader in place of Khomeini. Ali Akbar

Hashemi Rafsanjani, an ally of Khamenei, was re-elected Parliamentary Speaker on Monday and is tipped to win presidential elections in August.

Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi, who backs government control of the economy, could lose influence under constitutional changes that might abolish the premiership after August.

The rial has officially been pegged at about 70 to the dollar since the Islamic revolution in 1979, which abolished parts of the private sector and reduced contacts with the West.

The artificially strong official exchange rate has hit non-oil exports and low world prices have hurt revenue from oil, Iran's main foreign exchange earner.

The rial has seen-sawed on the black market, hitting a high of 600 to the dollar last August after Iran and Iraq agreed a ceasefire in the eight-year-old Gulf war.

NRI Investors' Forum holds meeting

Indian economy under review



C.S.S. Khanpuri (third from left) addresses the seminar as R.S. Mukhija (fourth from left) looks on.

A HIGH level trade delegation from India made an impressive presentation yesterday on the present state of booming Indian economy and fast growing capital markets of India, at the Indian embassy auditorium. The attendance of the non-resident Indians (NRIs) was very impressive.

The visiting delegation consists of the top economists and capital markets specialists. The delegation is led by SBI Capital Markets executive director S.M. Parande, and includes SBI General Manager M.S. Varma and Regional Director (Abu Dhabi) of the Indian Investment Centre S.V. Ranganath and economic adviser to the Ministry of Finance S.I.H. Naqvi, Director of Investment and Controller of Capital Issues P.R. Bindhu Mad-

havan. C.S.S. Khanpuri, the chairman of the NRI Forum, welcomed the delegation and the participants and promised the audience a very interesting and fruitful presentation followed by question-answer session.

The Indian embassy counsellor R.S. Mukhija introduced the members of the delegation to the gathering.

The facts and figures revealed in the presentation and in the expertly-produced slides astounded the audience.

India has the third largest number of individual shareholders in the world which number 10 million individuals. Some companies have more than 1.5 million shareholders.

The India Fund floated in

1986 has already appreciated 73 per cent.

The stock market capitalization has reached Rs 205 billion. The economy is fast moving from agriculture to industrialization. India is self-sufficient in food production. The urbanisation growth rate is 46 per cent per decade.

The new Regional Director of the Indian Investment Centre at Abu Dhabi advised the NRIs to seek their advice before embarking on any industrial venture in India.

Vote of thanks was given by Abhay Mehta, convenor portfolio sub-committee — NRI Investors Forum. The meeting was followed by dinner. Harish Dhutia ably conducted the meeting.

Substantive motion adopted

Kerala demands more rice quota

TRIVANDRUM, June 12: The Kerala assembly last week unanimously adopted a substantive motion expressing concern over the state's rice quota being reduced to one lakh tonnes a month and urging the government of India to raise it to 1.60 lakh tonnes as well as make a special allotment for the coming lean months, reports the Economic Times.

The motion was adopted by the house at the end of a day-long discussion on the issue raised by the minister for food and civil supplies, E. Chandrasekharan Nair.

During the discussion, the Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's reported comment at a Congress (I) rally in Cochin last month, that the Kerala government should try to purchase rice from other states to contribute to its ration requirements instead of rushing to the central government with a 'begging bowl', came in for criticism from the chief minister, E.K. Nayanar, and other ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) members.

Members of Congress-led opposition United Democratic Front (UDF) countered by accusing LDF of placing a wrong construction on Gandhi's comments to whip up anti-centre sentiments and alleged the government had raised the discussion merely to blame the centre.

Nair, who initiated the discussion and Nayanar, who spoke later, maintained that the centre was obliged to meet the full ration requirements of Kerala, where statutory rationing is in force under the 1964 agreement.

Deng Xiaoping was still in control. The Hang Seng index gained 171.10 to 2,439.48.

SINGAPORE: Strong buying interest and bargain-hunting by institutions saw the Straits Times industrial index record its largest single-day rise this year.

BOMBAY: Share prices finished mixed in heavy trading shortened by one hour to let brokers complete settlement work. Tata Steel firmed 7.5 rupees to 1,367.5.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

JAPAN, June 12, (Reuters): Prices were down in record low trading in reaction to the dollar's surge against the yen. The Nikkei index lost 241.97 to 33,398.01.

HONG KONG: Prices of blue chips rebounded after last week's plunge, as fears of civil war in China lessened on news that

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 12/06/1989

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
1	Zarka	Gh. & Qutub	4347815
2	Franciszek Zubrzycki	A. Seas	2421303
9	Norsia Arabia	Emad	4841807
12	Columbia Land	KSA	4843150
14	Blue Star	ISA	2441860
15	Volosko	M. Bahar	2433881

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
12/6	White Manta	Al Bader	2433537
12/6	Mistral	Gh. & Qutub	4347815
12/6	Hual Ingrida	M. Bahar	2433881
12/6	Baltic Star	ISA	2441860
12/6	Mandana	Algh. Barwil	4843988
12/6	Bright Ace	Marafi	4848665

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6	Antipippe L	Algh. Barwil	4843988
9	Anafi	Algh. Barwil	4843988
10	Wan Ling	Rogger	2423642
12	Golden Polydinamos	A. Seas	2421303
13	Hercules	B.B. Hassan	2433537

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

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3/6	Ascona	Algh. Barwil	4843988
3/6	Al Majced	M. Bahar	2433881
11/6	Sea Coral	Algh. Barwil	4843988
13/6	Handy Commander	Algh. Barwil	4843988
13/6	Western Trias	Algh. Barwil	4843988
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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1989

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	222/0
ABBEY LFE	274/0	246.0
ADT LTD	180/0	58.64
ALD LYONS	434/0	290.0
AMSTRAD	85/0	579/0
ARGYLL GP	206/4	568/0
ASDA GP	172/4	438/0
BAA	359/0	465/0
BTR	370/0	314.0
BAT INDS	625/0	266.0
BARCLAYS	451/0	692/0
BASS	958/0	262/0
BEAZER	192/0	188.0
BECHAMS	623.5	120.0
BERSFORD	148/0	304.0
BICC PLC	506.0	633.0
BLUE ARMY	96.75	435.0
BLUE CIRC	560/0	713/0
BOC GP	478/0	222/0
BOOTS CO	286.0	257/0
BPS INDS	238/0	274.0
BR COMM	174.0	535/0
BR AIRWAY	203.0	503/0
BR AEROSP	673/0	948/0
BR GAS RG	84.00	573/0
BR LAND	348.0	416.5
B.P.	295.0	754/0
BR STEEL	86/4	776.0
BR TELCOM	283.0	498.0
BUNZL	146/0	191.0
BURNHAM OL	590.0	329/0
BURTON	211/0	525/0
CABLE&AIR	473.0	319/0
CADBURYS	358.0	248/0
CALOR GRP	392.0	318/0
CLINTON	859/0	117.0
COATS VVY	160.0	250/0
COOKSON	336/0	408.0
COURTAULD	335/0	511.0
DALGETY	354/0	320.0
DIXONS	147.0	515.0
ENGL CHINA	444.0	156.0
ENTER OIL	533.0	354.0
F&I BACK	167/0	97/0
FERRANTI	94/0	935/0
FISONS	297/4	311/0
GATEWAY	216.0	50.74
GEN ACCID	928.0	640/0
GEN ELEC	231.0	445/0
GLAXO	350/0	355.0
GRANADA	337/0	102/0
GLOBE	176/4	233/0
GLYNED	292.0	320/0
GUARD RYL	196.0	295.0
GNL	392/6	555.0
GUINNESS	497.0	445/0
HANSON	790.0	427/0
HARRISON C	166/0	357/0
HUKER SID	702.0	248.0
HILLSDOWN	278.0	225.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	927/0	929/0
600 GROUP	138/0	139/0
A-AMER TS	449/0	448/0
A.B.ELECT	375/0	375/0
A.S.V.HLD	276/0	276/0
AAR KENT	125/0	125/0
AAR HLD	394/0	395/0
AARSONSON	103/0	102/0
ADDISON	44/4	44/4
ADJUST	177/0	180/0
ALEX WIKM	202/0	203/0
ALEXON	387/0	389/0
ALLD COLL	152/0	152/0
ALLD IR N	154/0	155/0
ALLD LON	149/0	149/0
ALLD PART	71/4	72/0
ALLD TEXT	382/0	381/0
ALLIANCE	051/0	050/0
AMBER DAY	53/2	53/0
AMEC	490/0	490/0
AMER TST	153/0	154/0
AMERSHAM	505/0	504/0
ANI HLTHC	402/0	407/0
ANGLIA SC	188/0	186/0
ANGLIA TV	243/0	243/0
ANSBACHER	76/0	76/0
APPLEYARD	170/4	173/0
APV PLC	145/0	146/0
ASHLEY LA	102/0	101/0
ATTWOODS	465/0	463/0
AUST REED	388/0	385/0
AUTO SECS	291/0	291/0
AVESCO	150/0	151/0
AVIS EUR	402/0	401/0
AVON RUBB	597/0	598/0
B.WENHILL	257/0	256/0
BAILL JAP	515/0	513/0
BAILL SHI	92/4	93/0
BAIRD SHI	243/0	243/0
BANK IRE	290/0	290/0
BANKER IT	90/4	91/0
BARDON GP	200/0	200/0
BART DEV	184/0	184/0
BAYNES C	35/0	35/0
BBA GROUP	202/0	203/0
BEAR BRND	11/6	11/6
BEATTIE J	147/0	148/0
BEHAVEN	53/0	54/0
BELLWAY	247/0	248/0
BENROSE	241/0	241/0
BENLOX	61/0	61/0
BERKELEY	200/0	200/0
BHH GROUP	130/0	130/0
BK OF SCO	92/0	92/0
BLACK LE 2	9/6	9/4
BN GROUP	479/0	478/0
BNETT + F	87/0	87/0
BOASE HAS	364/0	362/0
BODDINGTON	164/0	164/0
BOY SHOP	668/0	670/0

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	43/6	43/7
AAR CORP	31/3	31/3
ABBOTT LAB	60/0	60/2
ACME CLVD	12/2	12/1
ADV MICRO	10/1	10/0
AEROFIL LAB	4/2	4/1
AETNA LIFE	55/7	55/5
AMHANNSON	22/3	22/5
ALCAN ALUM	22/4	22/4
ALCO STND	31/1	31/0
AM CAP SEC	21/4	21/4
AM CYANAMID	54/3	54/5
AM FAMILY	16/2	16/3
AM HOM PRO	95/0	95/3
AM STNDARD	10/0	10/0
AM STORES	65/5	65/3
AM TEL-TEL	36/1	36/2
AMCO CORP	43/6	43/7
AMP INC	42/4	42/6
AMP CO	15/0	14/6
AMP CORP	61/1	61/3
AMR GEN CO	37/2	37/5
AMERAND HE	36/6	36/6
ANTHEM ELE	10/6	10/5
APACHE CP	11/7	12/0
APPL 8-12	88/0	87/0
ARMSTRONG	39/2	39/0
ASHLAND OIL	41/1	41/4
ASIA PACIF	10/0	9/7
ATV CORP	11/0	11/0
ATV INT	26/5	26/7
AVNET INC	24/7	25/0
AVON PROCS	36/0	36/5
BCE INC	33/2	33/3
BELL SOUTH	50/2	50/3
BELO CP	35/3	35/4
BETH STEEL	23/5	23/4
BEVERLY	8/4	8/5
BK BOSTON	28/5	28/5
BK BOSTN-A	0	36/4
BK N-YORK	52/7	53/0
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BOEING CO	50/2	50/2
BOISE CAS	44/7	44/7
BND IN GLD	0	7/1
BORDEN	68/6	69/0
BONATER	31/0	29/6
BR TELECOM	44/1	44/4
BRIGGS-STR	26/4	26/4
BRIST-MYER	50/0	50/0
BRUNSWICK	18/5	18/7
C H INC	0	12/0
C H G-EL	22/3	22/2
CABOT CORP	41/7	41/6
CAESARS W	37/2	37/0
CA FREIGHT	24/7	25/0
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CAT-COKE	34/3	34/3
CATERPILL	60/5	60/6
CBI IND	33/2	33/0
CBS	206/2	205/7
CENEL CP	52/4	52/4
CHAMP INTL	33/6	33/7
CHAMP SPA	20/6	20/6
CHARTER CO	4/5	4/5
CHASE MAN	38/6	39/4
CHENED CP	35/6	36/1
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CHEVRON	53/3	53/1
CHRYSLER	24/7	25/1
CHUBB CORP	72/5	73/3
CHUR FR CH	5/3	5/3
CIGNA CORP	57/2	57/2
CIR CIT ST	46/2	46/2
CIRCLE K	12/6	12/7
CITICORP	33/6	33/7
CLARK EQUI	37/6	37/6
CLOROX	38/3	38/3
CNPBLL RES	11	10
CNPBLL SP	44/6	44/6
CND PACIFIC	19/3	19/2
COACHMEN	9/4	9/5
COASTAL	42/0	42/1
COCA-COLA	57/0	57/2
COLECO	1/00	1/5
COLEMAN CO	0	73/7
COL-PALM	50/6	51/1
COLLINS GAS	44/3	44/4
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COM EDISON	37/7	37/6
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CONTEL ILL	*02	*03
CONTEL CP	62/6	63/0
CONTRA DATA	22/0	20/2
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COOPER CORP	3/2	3/3
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CULLINET	8/0	8/0
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ABBOTT LAB	60/0	60/2
ACME CLVD	12/2	12/1
ADV MICRO	10/1	10/0
AEROFIL LAB	4/2	4/1
AETNA LIFE	55/7	55/5
AMHANNSON	22/3	22/5
ALCAN ALUM	22/4	22/4
ALCO STND	31/1	31/0
AM CAP SEC	21/4	21/4
AM CYANAMID	54/3	54/5
AM FAMILY	16/2	16/3
AM HOM PRO	95/0	95/3
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AM STORES	65/5	65/3
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AMP CO	15/0	14/6
AMP CORP	61/1	61/3
AMR GEN CO	37/2	37/5
AMERAND HE	36/6	36/6
ANTHEM ELE	10/6	10/5
APACHE CP	11/7	12/0
APPL 8-12	88/0	87/0
ARMSTRONG	39/2	39/0
ASHLAND OIL	41/1	41/4
ASIA PACIF	10/0	9/7
ATV CORP	11/0	11/0
ATV INT	26/5	26/7
AVNET INC	24/7	25/0
AVON PROCS	36/0	36/5
BCE INC	33/2	33/3
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EEC ready to negotiate 10-year pact with Moscow

BRUSSELS, Belgium, June 12. (AP) A top EEC official said yesterday the trade bloc is ready to negotiate a 10-year trade and co-operation agreement with the Soviet Union.

In a speech to a conference in Moscow, EEC external relations commissioner Frans Andriessen said formal negotiations on a pact might start before August. "It will be an ambitious agreement covering trade, commercial and economic co-operation whose scope matches the importance of the two parties," Andriessen said. Copies of the speech were made available in Brussels.

Foreign affairs ministers of the 12-nation European Economic Community on Monday are to discuss proposals for a mandate to start negotiations with the Soviet Union.

Andriessen said exchanges between the EEC and the Soviet Union should grow in the 1990s. Trade with the EEC currently accounts for 11 per cent of the Soviet Union's imports and 14 per cent of its exports, while the EEC's exports to the Soviet Union account for only three per cent of its total.

Andriessen indicated the EEC would not offer any trade concessions to the Soviet Union, saying that the accord would include "most favoured nation" treatment under international trade rules established by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The agreement also would offer management training, joint ventures and "other forms of business co-operation," Andriessen said.

The EEC has so far signed bilateral trade agreements with Hungary and Czechoslovakia and is in advanced talks for accords with Poland and Bulgaria.

RBI may issue new two and five-rupee coins

CALCUTTA, June 12: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has before it a proposal for launching high denomination coins. New two rupee and five-rupee coins are to be introduced shortly, it is learnt, according to an economic daily.

The earlier two-rupee coins had to be withdrawn, as these got mixed with one-rupee coins.

The five-rupee coins were mostly commemorative types. An RBI committee, which is working on different facets of currency management, will also suggest what should be the design and size of the new two-rupee coins. The new five-rupee coins will not be commemorative types any more.

However, there is no immediate plans to replace ten-rupee currency notes with coins. This is because the ten-rupee notes are widely used, and hence very much in demand.

The introduction of high denomination coins has become imperative in view of the sharp rise in the volume of currency notes in circulation. Right now, currency notes worth over Rs 42,000 crores are in circulation against Rs 8,000 crores in 1976-77.

At the time of bank nationalisation 20 years ago, the figure was as low as Rs 4,000 crores. At this rate, it is feared that the economy might be faced for a different situation which RBI can't manage.

Several factors are believed to be responsible for the big jump in the volume of currency notes in circulation, such as the growth of the economy which has been rapid in recent years, the inflationary situation and, to cap all, the peculiar Indian habit of handling cash in preference to cheques, drafts, credit cards and other instruments.

RBI, therefore, is urging banks to encourage their customers to use more of banking instruments.

Jordan, UAE sign economic agreement

AMMAN, June 12. (KUNA): Jordan and the United Arab Emirates signed here yesterday an agreement for economic, commercial and technical co-operation.

The agreement calls for encouraging freedom of exporting and importing of agricultural and industrial products between the two countries.

It also stipulated enhancing of co-operation between government institutions in the two countries in the fields of technology and the free movement of capital.

The agreement was signed by UAE's Economy and Trade Minister Saif Al Jarwan and his Jordanian counterpart Ziad Einab.

Basic investments lacking in Manila

Economy vulnerable to collapse, warn economists

MANILA, June 12: Economists and diplomats in the Philippines sing praises to the economic boom that has taken place during the presidency of Corason Aquino.

But they sing them softly. Although clipping along at about seven per cent a year, the economy's growth is fragile, they say. It may fizzle soon — for lack of basic investments or because of a tumble in export prices — possibly fuelling a communist insurgency and placing Aquino's reborn democracy at risk.

At present, though, the Philippines is perhaps the best example of a heavily indebted developing country that is "growing out of its debt," says one Western embassy economist.

Its foreign debt, once the world's highest at \$50 billion, has dropped from being 94 per cent of the gross national product to near 65 per cent since Aquino came to power three years ago, he says.

Aquino, whose free-market policies only heighten her popularity with West-

ern leaders, admits she has a delicate dilemma in her country's new-found prosperity.

Few factories are being constructed. Much of the boom is consumer-driven, resulting from pent-up demand built up during the lean latter years under Ferdinand Marcos, when the economy contracted by 10 per cent.

But the high growth is not high enough to reduce joblessness or to match the higher growth in many neighbouring Asian nations.

The boom has two outside — and some say unreliable — props. World prices for prime Filipino commodities — sugar, copra, and metals — are presently high.

And Hong Kong Chinese are in the lead of the few foreign investors here, moving assets from the British territory in anticipation of China's 1997 takeover.

But without more financial help from the United States, Japan, and foreign investors and creditors, the economy is vulnerable to collapse,

Western economists warn.

Aquino officials fear, however, that such outside help will come with high political costs, both at home and abroad.

For instance, the economic boom and an estimated 7-10 per cent inflation rate has pitted Aquino against demands to raise the minimum wage for organized labour, which threatens strikes.

As a possible but unlikely scenario for the Philippines, Aquino officials cite February's violent riots in Venezuela, which were ignited by prices rises.

Aquino has already taken much heat for price hikes, such as for fuel, that will come out of a recent agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

That IMF pact, which will bring \$1.3 billion over four years, was the stamp of approval that Aquino needed for a host of pending promises of foreign aid, credit, and investment.

IMF-required reforms, however, such as allowing bankrupt state enter-

prises to close, will require Aquino to "spend a lot of political capital," a European diplomat says.

So far, she has fended off demands in Congress for repudiation of foreign debt.

Instead, her financial advisers began talks this month with foreign creditors, seeking \$1.6 billion in new loans and debt reduction to fill an anticipated financing gap next year.

The talks stalled, however, because both sides want to see whether the Philippines might be a good candidate for the new proposal by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to help highly indebted nations. The plan, still lacking full support, would involve IMF guarantees.

In foreign policy, too, the fragility of economic growth is forcing tough choices on Aquino.

She postponed a trip to Moscow this summer, according to her aides, to avoid losing any Western support for a multi-nation assistance package being

prepared by the US.

That package, the Philippines Assistance Programme (PAP), is often described as amounting to \$10 billion in aid over five years.

But how much would be new money or just re-packaged present programmes is unclear. President Bush asked the US Congress for \$200 million for PAP and is nudging other nations to commit to the package.

What is clear is that US officials expect Japan to foot the lion's share of PAP, under World Bank co-ordination. Japan's Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita still plans to visit Manila in early May, despite announcing his resignation Monday.

Like US officials who have visited here, the Japanese leader may be concerned whether Aquino has a detailed plan for spending the largess, which would likely go for roads, communications, power, and other infrastructure needed to sustain the boom.

Past criticism of her government's inability to implement projects quickly

and efficiently led her to appoint a well-respected businessman, Roberto Villanueva, to draft a PAP plan and "unclog the spending pipeline." But some US officials doubt he can rally the bureaucracy fast enough to satisfy foreign donors.

Reluctance by a budget-conscious US Congress to grant the \$200 million in startup money could also kill the plan. Privately, US officials admit that Aquino's hesitancy to open talks on renewing a treaty granting the US rights to large military bases in the Philippines will influence votes in Congress.

Aquino, after cancelling her Moscow trip, said she plans to visit the US later this year to lobby for the money.

Any linkage between PAP and base rights could give left-leaning groups and political opponents more ammunition against Aquino. Her race to save a booming economy has already put her on the defensive over wage hikes, price rises, and IMF conditions. The Christian Science Monitor.

Call to tighten fiscal policy

US should act to cut deficits: BIS

BASLE, Switzerland, June 12. (Reuters) The United States should tighten fiscal policy to reduce its huge budget and balance of payments deficits, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) said today.

In its annual report, the BIS, which acts as central banker to the world's central banks, also urged fresh action to help developing nations tackle their debt burden.

It called the seven-year-old Third World debt crisis a chronic disease that had defied cure.

"The seriousness of the situation, the human misery involved and its disruptive character for the political system are plain for all to see," it said.

The BIS said efforts to reduce the huge balance of payments imbalances between large industrial countries had faltered and must be given new momentum.

Last year the US had a \$135.3 billion deficit on its current account payments account, while Japan and West Germany had surpluses of 79.6 billion and 48.6 billion respectively, BIS data shows.

These imbalances could lead to severe misalignments in foreign exchange markets, destabilise financial markets, and jeopardise free trade, the BIS

said in the 22-page report.

It argued that the main burden for dealing with the problem lay with the United States. A sharp fall of the dollar, as urged by some economists, would not necessarily boost exports, since it was unclear the US economy had enough spare capacity to raise production, the BIS said.

Also, any dollar depreciation would have to be engineered by bringing down US short-term interest rates, which would only boost inflation and nullify medium- or long-term benefits to the current account.

"It follows from this reasoning that... fiscal tightening in the United States has to take the lead in new efforts to substantially reduce the current account imbalances among the large industrial countries," it added.

The BIS said there was no need for a major new currency agreement like the "Plaza Accord" of September 1985, when the Group of Five richest industrial nations agreed to engineer a fall in the overvalued dollar to help trim payments imbalances.

And it argued that monetary authorities had become too preoccupied with pursuing nominal exchange rate stability since the February 1987 Louvre accord,

where the group plus Canada agreed to stabilise currencies within secret trading ranges.

"At worst it leads to an irresistible appreciation of the 'wrong' currencies with high interest rates and to even worse effects on the imbalances," it added.

The BIS said US fiscal tightening would not only cut its demand for imports but also reduce the federal budget deficit, where the lack of progress had been "deplorable."

It said short-term interest rates in the seven largest industrial nations had risen by up to five percentage points in a year as policy-makers tightened policy to fight inflation.

Inflation was down to levels not seen for 20 years, but recently prices had accelerated modestly and although an inflationary wave was not about to engulf industrial nations, warning signals were flashing everywhere, except perhaps in Japan.

Industrial countries needed to keep inflationary pressures at bay, raising interest rates further if necessary, as "it may be a long time before there is another chance of restoring the same degree of price stability," it added.

Economic policy switch unveiled

Laos to increase budget

BANGKOK, June 12. (UPI) The government of Laos has decided to increase the national budget by more than 100 per cent, sell off state enterprises and add a variety of new taxes in a major change of economic policy, state radio said yesterday.

"Economic construction, cultural expansion, improvement of the people's living conditions, and administration of the country all require expenditures," the radio network said, quoting an undated editorial in the Communist Party newspaper Pasason.

"The budget for the current fiscal year will increase over 100 per cent compared with that of last year," the paper said.

Pasason did not indicate what the total budget would be but said the government will "exploit natural resources and make full use of labour forces... so as to generate sources of ample income."

The paper said the government must turn state enterprises from a drain on the budget to a new source of funds by shifting to a new system "aimed at making profits."

"At the same time, it will sell (state) enterprises operating at a loss to other economic sectors to retrieve investment funds," it said.

State enterprises must generate their own funds for expansion instead of depending on the national budget, it said.

"From now on, the state should add certain taxes

— such as business excise taxes, wholesale taxes, taxes on profit, taxes on interest, personal income taxes, property taxes, insurance fees, registration fees, and others — as it deems necessary," the report said.

Pasason said Laos, one of the poorest countries in the world, will continue to be dependent on foreign aid for much of its budget. It said foreign loans and grant assistance amounted to 36 per cent of the budget in previous years.

The paper acknowledged that the country has run a budget deficit in the past and said that expenditures outside of the budget will no longer be permitted.

"In order to extricate the country from the condition of budgetary imbalance, we have to increase production, expand the circulation of goods, explore and exploit national potential," it said.

The report marked a sharp acceleration in the pace of economic reform in Laos.

When the communists seized power in 1975, they attempted to move the country quickly toward socialism, nationalising some businesses and pushing farmers to join collectives and co-operatives.

But after more than a decade of economic stagnation, the communist leadership has shifted gears much as the governments in Vietnam and the Soviet Union, its two closest allies, have attempted to do.

Landmark joint venture law under review

ALGIERS, June 12. (Reuters) Algeria has drawn up landmark legislation that would for the first time allow foreign firms to have a majority share in joint ventures.

Diplomats and political sources said a draft law submitted this week to the national assembly would be a major test for the reform drive of President Chadli Bejjed.

Establishment figures of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN), schooled in socialist orthodoxy, were likely to resist unprecedented new incentives for foreign capital, the sources said.

The government argues that foreign investment is needed to stimulate economic growth and provide jobs for a burgeoning young generation that took to the streets last year to vent economic and social grievances.

One official said the country was better off inviting foreign capital than going further into debt.

Algeria already has external debts of \$22 billion with a 1989 debt service of some \$6 billion compared to projected export earnings of just over \$9 billion.

Stagnant industries, disappointing agricultural output and one of the world's highest population growth rates also burden the economy.

An official source said the proposed law left foreign firms and their Algerian state partners free to determine the extent of their respective shares in any joint venture. Foreign firms are now limited to 49 per cent.

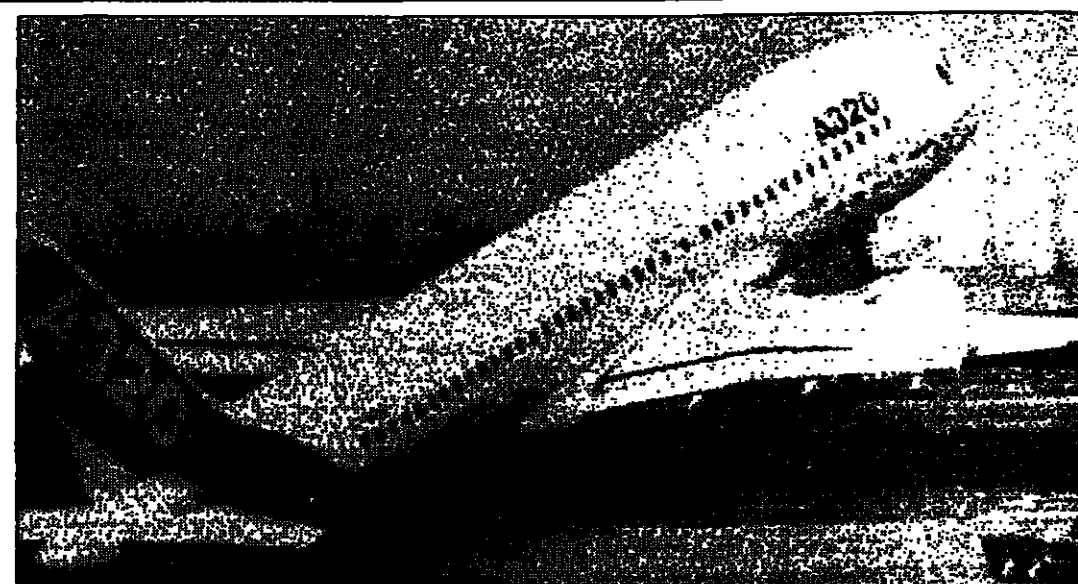
In addition, foreign firms would be guaranteed repatriation of profits, freedom to import equipment and raw materials and certain tax exemptions. The small Algerian private sector would for the moment not be included.

The package marks a sharp departure from 27 years of socialism, the state creed after Algeria won its independence from France, and the sources said it was bound to stir controversy.

A similar draft law submitted by the government to the national assembly in 1986 was never passed.

Since anti-government riots last October in which at least 159 people were killed, President Chadli has accelerated political reforms designed to pave the way to multi-party democracy.

Economic reforms, including the joint venture law and restructuring of state firms to give them more autonomy, have been implemented at a slower pace, largely due to the opposition of entrenched interests, the sources said.



A European consortium Airbus A320 takes off at Le Bourget airport on Sunday during a demonstration flight celebrating the sale of the 500th plane. (Reuters wirephoto)

New security devices detect plastic explosives

'A fantastic breakthrough'

PARIS, June 12. (AP) Two new security systems capable of detecting plastic explosives were unveiled yesterday to the Paris air show, the first international aviation exposition since the Pan Am 103 disaster last December.

The US federal aviation administration, which helped fund development of the new systems, invited their American manufacturers to exhibit at the 10-day gathering of industry professionals.

Ever since plastic explosive was used last December to blow up Flight 103, killing 270 people on the plane and in the Scottish town of Lockerbie airports and airlines have focused attention on detecting bombs carried by passengers and checked into baggage.

Manual searches, questioning, metal detectors and X-ray machines were already in use at the time to prevent hijackings. But passenger planes remain vulnerable to hidden devices.

It takes less than a pound of plastic explosive, the size of chocolate bar, to bring down a jumbo jet. The deadly material can be molded into shapes that are easily hidden.

It was another passenger plane explosion three years ago — this time Air India jumbo jet over the Atlantic Ocean — that prompted the FAA to fund development of improved anti-terrorism devices for screening people and scanning luggage.

Thermedics Inc. of Woburn, Massachusetts, came up with a "sniffer" that detects chemical vapours. It can identify one part explosive material in 100 trillion parts air, its developers say. The

Jet engine maker to boost output

PARIS, June 12. (Reuters) A Franco-US jet engine maker, announcing new orders worth \$1.5 billion, plans to nearly double its output of jet engines in the next three years to keep pace with an airline boom.

"We produce 60 engines a month at present. By 1992 we plan to produce 100 a month," CFM International chairman Jean Blien told a news conference at the Paris air show.

Blien was announcing orders for at least 250 engines from California-based International Lease Finance Corporation, one of several aircraft lessors which have recently placed giant orders with Boeing and Airbus.

The order is for at least 200 CFM-56 and 50 GE CF6-80C2 engines to power Boeing Airbus and McDonnell Douglas planes to be ordered over the next 10 years.

CFM International is a joint venture between France's Snecma and General Electric Company of the United States.

General Electric's Brian Rowe said the group would keep pace with demand by operating its factories in France and the US seven days a week and boosting the number of daily shifts from two to three.

The sharp increase in airline traffic is already stretching capacity at the world's civilian aircraft makers which have a backlog of orders stretching to the mid-1990s.

But because military sales have declined with East-West detente and tighter defence budgets in the US and Europe, contractors such as General Electric and Snecma have been able to concentrate on civilian demand.

sniffers are computerised chemical analyzers with programmed rules, called algorithms.

The hand-held sniffer, called Egis, was developed under a US State Department contract to detect car bombs. It sells for \$125,000 and can be used at airports to replace manual searches and reducing human error.

Thermedics has developed a variation of the Egis, called Securscan, that works on the same principle as Egis but is designed as a walk-through chamber similar to a metal detector.

Thermedics president John W. Wood Jr said the technology was

developed originally to measure nitroglycerine in the blood of cardiac patients. After about three years of research and development, it was converted into a system for deciphering nitroglycerine emitted by explosives.

"If you look at the last 15 incidents of bombing or attempted bombing, in six of them the bomb found its way into the aircraft cabin," said Wood. "This illustrates the need to screen people and carry on bags as well as checked luggage."

Egis sells for \$125,000. It will be distributed by Cofrexpert of Paris to buyers in France, West Africa and Switzerland.

China's economy seen worsening in wake of crackdown

HONG KONG, June 12. (Reuters) China's already chaotic economy will be further rocked by political instability following a nation-wide crackdown on "counter-revolutionaries," Western and Chinese economists said today.

They said trade and domestic deficits will widen and inflation will rise.

The instability caused by the mass arrests would prevent implementation of needed economic reforms and reduce the flow of foreign loans and investment, raising the threat of more unemployment and food shortages.

Chinese security forces have arrested hundreds of students and workers nation-wide following the bloody suppression of a pro-democracy movement in Peking in which hundreds, perhaps thousands, were killed.

"The economic structure was already irrational before the crackdown," said a Western diplomat in Hong Kong. "It will become more so now, with funds diverted to the military and to pay higher wages to keep workers happy."

"Shortages of agricultural and industrial raw materials will worsen, leading to more factory closures and food shortages," he added. "Raising prices of these raw materials

is the key to saving the economy but the leaders dare not do it now."

The worst imbalance in China's economy is inadequate supply of raw materials, energy and transport, thousands of factories are idle as a result.

Worsening shortages have spawned a thriving black market, where officials with access to scarce materials make windfall profits, at prices far above state-set prices.

An austerity programme launched in September last year has failed to correct the imbalance and lower inflation. Output of coal, steel, oil and transport has continued to lag behind that of industry, leading to more factory closures.

"By April the State Council (cabinet) realised the austerity programme was not working," said Chen Wenhong, of the Centre for Asian Studies at Hong Kong University. "Now, there is a political crisis worse than the economic crisis."

"The whole regime has discredited itself. It cannot restore its ideology," Chen said. "There is total disillusion."

He forecast lower factory productivity, stagnant farm output, rising unemployment, a higher trade deficit, a drop in foreign invest-

ment and foreign loans and year-on-year inflation in 1989 exceeding 30 per cent, up from 18 per cent in 1988.

The official Chinese media has said that there is not enough cash to pay millions of farmers for their crops this year.

Chen said that this, plus shortages of fertiliser and the political instability, would persuade farmers not to sell their crops to the state and instead hoard it.

The diplomat said that China had within the last two weeks placed orders for 800,000 tonnes of US wheat and that 1989 grain imports might exceed those of last year.

"Low purchasing prices will lead to shortages of grain and pork this year," he said. "The removal of (Communist Party chief) Zhao Ziyang means the end of efforts to build a more market-oriented system."

As premier from 1980-1987 and party chief since 1987, Zhao has been the principal architect of building a market economy. He is widely believed to have been dismissed because he advocated dialogue with the students.

A second diplomat said that another consequence of the crackdown would be high wages to combat worker discontent.

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Ashwin Batish: going back to roots

Raga rock — California style

By Amy Duncan

NEW YORK: Sitting on an Oriental carpet, with legs crossed and a sitar resting in his lap, Ashwin Batish looks like a traditional Indian musician, but with a couple of exceptions:

He's dressed in a sweatshirt, jeans, and a baseball cap, and there's an electronic device beside him that supplies accompaniment. He turns to the control box, adjusts the knobs, runs his fingers over the sitar's strings, and starts playing. The song turns out to be a toe-tapping "rock raga" — a high-energy dance number he calls "Bombay Boogie."

"I used to be a strict traditionalist," explains the Indian-born musician in an interview following a performance at a music seminar here in Manhattan.

"So the kind of stuff I'm doing now — the fusion and pop stuff — is really my own answer to breaking loose a little from my own tradition."

Thinking it over, he adds, "But everything I do is a raga

Dressed in jeans, sweatshirt and a baseball cap, pop musician Ashwin Batish tours the US using a sitar and traditional ragas to make cosmopolitan dance tunes

(traditional Indian melody); so I don't really get away from my tradition at all. I just give a modern-sounding hip beat to it."

Batish, who lives in Santa Cruz, Calif., recently released a critically acclaimed debut album *Sitar's Power*, making him the first sitar player to be associated with pop music here since Ravi Shankar played with the Beatles in the '60s.

The difference is that Batish underpins his raga melodies with a high-tech dance beat instead of playing the kind of long, lingering phrases Shankar used with the Beatles.

Unlike strictly classical Indian music, which tends to start out slowly and softly then build to an intense climax, Batish's music

percolates at a more consistent level that makes it conducive to dancing.

Batish started out as a classical sitar player in his native India, learning to play the complex stringed instrument at the age of 12. "My musical background was very intense," he says. "I was fortunate to be born into a musical family. My father was a household word in India."

Shiv Dayal Batish wrote scores for and sang in more than 100 movies; the elder Batish has also recorded over 300 albums.

In 1973 the whole Batish family moved to the US, so that Ashwin's father could teach at the University of California in Santa Cruz.

The family also started several businesses, including an Indian restaurant that lasted for 15 years, an Indian boutique, a record company, and a music school.

All the Batishes are musicians who record on their own label, Batish Records. Last year, Ashwin's "Sitar Power" was accepted by Shanachie Records, a leader in "world-beat" music, pop that blends elements from diverse cultures.

But in this case, "pop" shouldn't be equated with "simple." Batish reminds us that learning the sitar is no easy task.

"There are two things involved: One is to learn to play sitar, and the other to learn to play Indian music — and I'm still learning. Theoretically we have thousands of scales. An active musician will know maybe a hundred."

"Raga is a concept that is highly evolved in terms of creative melody."

Although improvisation is part of the raga, the term "creative melody" really refers to

a kind of expanded composition called *dhruwad*, which existed from ancient times.

"Improvisation is a recent part of the music, going back only about 400 to 600 years — that's pretty recent for Indian history!" he adds with a laugh.

"Before that, it was all composed music, like Schubert, Brahms, Bach."

There are, however, purists who find fault with such musical hybrids.

"You always come across an element like that when you're doing something new," says Batish. "But they don't come up to me; they just write it in articles."

"I really wish they would talk to me first, because I could give them a little hint of what I'm doing."

Who are these purists, according to Batish?

"They are American people who have started to accept the traditional forms of India, in terms of philosophy and culture, and then they live in that particular aspect, and they don't want to come out of it. They're just stuck — it's like they're more Indian than I am!"

"I don't have anything against them. ... A few years ago I was probably like that myself."

Still, Batish thinks that the new world-beat movement is going to become more deeply involved with the roots of the music from which it sprang.

"World beat is not only going to incorporate the dance and pop stuff; it's gradually going to move into more traditional stuff. The big companies like Nonesuch and Folkways were supporting it in the old days. Without the tradition, you can't really understand the new stuff. ... The tradition has to be there."

"My ultimate vision is to teach everybody what this music is all about, and also for it to have some commercial viability," says Batish, "...to have the students learn the songs, and if they're good we give them a recording contract."

"The world is becoming smaller, and the music of India has so much to offer as far as melody and rhythm are concerned."

Batish is currently on a performance tour in the US, and plans to continue to tour and record.

So far, his audiences encompass a wide variety of listeners, with an emphasis on fans of world-beat music.

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1.05 The World News via Satellite
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12.05 The World News via Satellite

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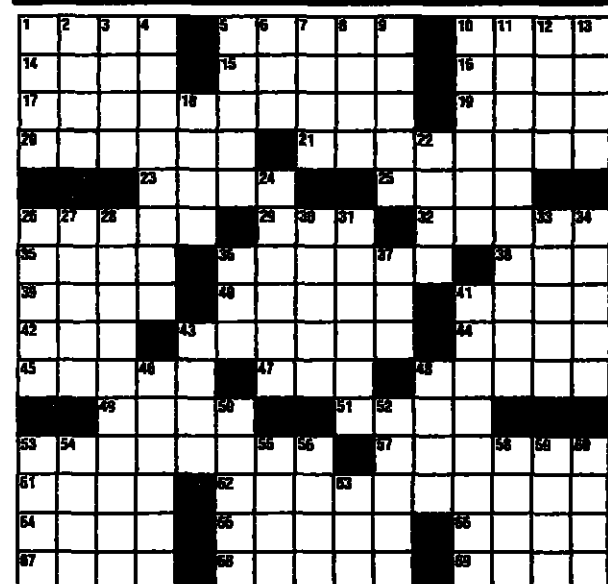
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Farewell party

Bangladesh Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin (right) hosted a farewell dinner party for the outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha (third right). The dinner was attended by the Kuwait Foreign Ministry Director of Asian Department Abdul Aziz Al Khodar (second right), former director of the industries Hasan Al Raja (left), director of Protocol Ahmed Al Ayoub, Deputy Director Asian Department Hamad Al Hamad, the ambassadors of the Soviet Union, Nigeria, Yugoslavia and other guests.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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 - Traps shooting
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 - breve
 - Slow, to Solti
 - English portrait painter: 1761-1807
 - 1954 Stewart thriller
 - "An Officer and a Gentleman" actor
 - Alaskan peninsula
 - Euler
 - Weight watch
 - Do a sleuth's work
 - Equip anew
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 - Picasso
 - Spirit
 - Actor Michael and family
 - Clumsy one
 - City on 20
 - Across
 - "Strangers on a ..."
 - Oxidize
 - Cure or center starter
 - Citrus fruit
 - Word in Massachusetts' motto
 - Seams on shoes
 - Shepard or Nunn
 - Minor biblical judge
 - Four seasons
 - Port
 - 53 — Valley, Calif.
 - 1963 Nobel prize in medicine
 - Feeler
 - Director of 17
- DOWN**
- "Star ..."
 - Away from the wind
 - Cabbage dish
 - "The ... Case"
 - Kind of trombone
 - One of the acting Howards
 - Odds'
 - companion
 - English public school
 - Namely
 - Arcade
 - 1945 Bergman/Peck film
 - Run out of steam
 - Nostradamus
 - Mandate
 - Openings
 - Regal headwear
 - 26 Activate again
 - Run away to
 - 1976
 - Black/Dern film
 - 30 Tropical vine
 - Elgar's "Variations"
 - 33 Range rope
 - 34 Frequently
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 - 37 Compass pt.
 - 41 Du Maurier heroine and others
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North-South vulnerable. North deals.

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♣ 3

WEST
♠ J 7 4
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♦ 4
♣ K 10 7 5 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 2
♥ K 8
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ Q 8 6 4

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♠ K 8 3
♥ Q 9 7 4 2
♦ Q 7
♣ A J 9

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Five of ♣

Paradoxically, the beauty of rubber bridge lies in the relative unimportance of overtricks and undertricks — unless doubled, of course. That means you have the freedom to risk giving up a trick or two to make sure of your contract or, if you are a defender, of setting your opponents as quickly as you can. The safety play on this hand is not easy to spot.

Note that North never bothered to rebid his good six-card suit! At his second turn it was incumbent on him to bid his four-card major at the one-level; and at his next turn there was no point in looking for an 11-trick contract. Opposite a limited, balanced hand with all suits stopped, game in no trump was an obvious choice since the diamond suit would be a rich source of tricks.

West led a club to the queen, and declarer saw there was no reason for holding up the ace. With four tricks outside the diamond suit, he needed only five tricks from that suit to secure his contract. To make his contract ironclad, he simply had to keep East off lead while trying to establish the necessary tricks.

As so often happens, once you've isolated the problem, the solution is simple. If diamonds were 3-2, the problem would solve itself, and an avoidance play would cater to any 4-1 break.

At trick two, declarer crossed to the ace of spades and led a low diamond to his seven! When that won, he ended up with an overtrick. Had that lost to the jack, declarer would have been sure of five diamond tricks, and nine in all, by overtaking his queen of diamonds and running the suit.



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YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will be more successful than you thought possible but there is still a lot to do. You should not think that you are quite right and others quite wrong. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be compassionate.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should not allow others to seize the initiative from you. Work hard, but do allow yourself some degree of leisure too. Make sure you do not step on anyone's toes. Be resilient.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>Try to take a little more interest in what interests your partner. You will have a good opportunity but you might be too late to seize it. Make sure you do not lose your temper. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>You will not find it easy to stay on good terms with your colleagues at work, but you should try to do so. A little more patience is what is needed just now. You should consider the alternatives carefully before deciding on what to do.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You should take another look at your finances, you may not be as well off as you think you are. Do not trust too much to instinct and intuition more to reason. Think twice and again before deciding on what to do. Be independent.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>This is going to be a good day for you, only you must not take any uncalculated risks. You should not rely on charm to get your own way in everything. Do not try to do too much all at once. Be consistent.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will be able to make good progress in a matter that is important to you. Your experience and skill will stand you in good stead. Do not turn your back on change. Be tolerant.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You will find that luck is on your side but do not depend on it to take the place of hard work. Concentrate on doing one thing at a time. Make sure you get enough rest and take sufficient exercise. Be moderate.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You will have the wind in your sails but you must also ensure you are steering in the right direction. Something that you know should be done now must not be left until later. Try to avoid anything that might lead to confusion.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You will be able to clear up a mystery only if you keep your eyes and ears open. You should try to have a little more sympathy with a friend who has had some bad luck. If you are too curious you might get into trouble. Be true to your word.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You should spend a little time tidying up. Try not to do anything on the spur of the moment, instead prepare yourself beforehand. Your lucky numbers are 7 and 36. A little more self-criticism is required just now. Be tactful.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You should beware of jumping to conclusions and you must not act on impulse. There is nothing to be gained by dwelling on the past. Try to take your mind of gloomy themes. Be careful.</p>

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Pistons overcome Lakers for 3-0 NBA finals lead

INGLEWOOD, California, June 12, (AP)—The Detroit Pistons, with guards Joe Dumars, Isiah Thomas and Vinnie Johnson again virtually unstoppable, took a 3-0 lead in the NBA finals yesterday with a 114-110 victory over the injury-ravaged Los Angeles Lakers.

The two-time defending champion Lakers led for much of the game, but they couldn't overcome the hamstring injuries that sidelined starting guards Magic Johnson and Byron Scott.

Johnson had one assist and no points in five

minutes while Scott didn't play, but their teammates showed the heart that has taken them to the finals eight times in this decade, winning five titles.

Dumars, Thomas and Vinnie Johnson, who combined for an average of 23 points apiece in the first two games, were magnificent again for the Pistons. Dumars scored 31 points—21 in the third quarter—Thomas had 26 and Johnson 13 of his 17 in the fourth quarter, including a three-point play with 6:11

left that broke a 98-98 tie and put Detroit ahead to stay.

James Worthy had 26 points and 42-year-old Kareem Abdul-Jabbar 24 points and 13 rebounds for the Lakers. Abdul-Jabbar, playing the final year of his 20-year career, matched his season high in scoring.

Worthy hit a long jumper with 56 seconds left in the game and no time on the shot clock, making the score 109-108. Thomas then made a jumper and two free throws.

Mets demolish Pirates

Astros overcome Braves

NEW YORK, June 12, (AP)—The strain of watching his team play bad baseball was beginning to get to Mets manager Davey Johnson.

"This was just what the doctor ordered," he said yesterday after Bob Ojeda's six-hitter beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-1. "Our bullpen is kind of worn out and we needed a game like this."

Ken Griffey Jr. hit a two-run homer, Dave Magadan added a two-run single and Darryl Strawberry singled in a run as the Mets knocked out Brian Fisher, 0-3, in the second. Howard Johnson homered off Jeff Robinson in the ninth, Johnson's 15th home run this season and fourth in five games.

Cardinals 10, Cubs 7

Ozzie Smith had the first five-hit game of his career and St. Louis rallied for eight runs in the seventh inning to win its fifth straight.

Tom Brunansky drove in three

runs in the seventh with a two-run homer and an RBI single. Smith and Pedro Guerrero also had two hits each in the inning.

The Cardinals hit 10 hits in the inning off four Cubs pitchers and the eight runs were their most since June 16, 1987, when they scored nine in an inning against Pittsburgh.

Cris Carpenter, 2-4, allowed three hits and one run in three innings of relief. Calvin Schiraldi, 1-4, relieved in the sixth and gave up three hits and three runs.

Astros 10, Braves 6
Bill Doran hit his second career grand slam in a seven-run second inning as Houston won its sixth straight. The Astros have won 16 of their last 17 games.

Jim Deshaies, 7-3, won for the sixth time in seven decisions, allowing for runs and seven hits in five innings. Danny Darwin, the fifth Astros pitcher, got the final two outs for his second save.

Tom Glavine, 6-3, gave up seven runs and seven hits in 1 1/3 innings.

Expos 7, Phillies 2
Pascual Perez allowed three hits in eight innings and Tim Lincecum drove in three runs. Montreal swept the three-game series by 21-3 and Philadelphia has lost 14 of its last 17 games.

Perez, 3-7, struck out five and walked five as Montreal won for the 13th time in 19 games. Tim Burke pitched a one-hit ninth.

Bob Sebra, 2-2, gave up eight hits and five runs in 4 2/3 innings.

Dodgers 3, Reds 1
Mike Davis hit a two-run single in the third inning to end a streak of 23 consecutive scoreless innings, his second hit in 32 at-bats.

Tim Lincecum, 5-4, allowed five hits in eight innings, striking out three and walking two. Jay Howell finished with a one-hit ninth for his 12th save.

Rookie Scott Scudder, 0-1, allowed four hits and walked six over four innings in his second major-league start. Los Angeles snapped the reds' four-game winning streak.

Giants 3, Padres 1
Will Clark hit a two-out, two-run homer off Mark Davis in the 12th inning.

San Diego, which has lost six straight and nine of 10 on its road trip, led 1-0 before rookie Greg Litton's homer in the ninth.

Results			
National League			
Montreal	7	Philadelphia	2
N.Y. Mets	6	Pittsburgh	1
St. Louis	10	Chicago Cubs	7
Houston	10	Atlanta	6
Los Angeles	3	Cincinnati	1
San Francisco	3	San Diego	1
American League			
Los Angeles	7	Boston	2
N.Y. Yankees	4	Boston	7
2nd N.Y. Yankees	3	Baltimore	1
Milwaukee	6	Cleveland	3
Seattle	4	Detroit	0
Toronto	4	Chicago	2
Minnesota	5	Chicago	2
Kansas City	5	California	3



Scudamore beats Shoemaker

England's champion national-hunt jockey Peter Scudamore (left) beat the world's most successful flat jockey, American Willie Shoemaker, at his own game in Bristol, England, on Sunday. In the first Sunday races ever to be held in England, Scudamore first past the post in two out of three races at Cheltenham. (Reuter wirephoto).

Moody wins senior golf tournament

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, June 12, (AP)—Orville Moody won his first major golf title in 20 years yesterday with a final-round 71 that held off fast-closing Charles Coody by two strokes in the Senior Tournament Players Championship.

Moody, who captured the US Open in 1969 for his only official victory in 17 seasons on the PGA Tour, clinched the victory with a birdie on the 17th hole and a tap-in for par on No. 18.

The winner finished with a 17-under-par 271 total for four trips over the 6,646-yard TPC at Sawgrass Valley Course, a tournament record for the \$700,000 event that will move to Dearborn, Michigan next year.

Moody began the day with a six-shot advantage over Coody, Gary Player and Lou Graham but never made a serious move to put the tournament away after shooting a course record 64 yesterday.

Coody had three birdies and eagled No. 17 to climb the leaderboard with a 67 that gave him a 273 total. Gary Player shot 68 and finished third at 274 after he eagled the 17th hole and birdied No. 18.

Graham, Bob Charles, Al Geiberger, Miller Barber and Arnold Palmer tied for fourth at 278. Palmer shot a 67 that included an eagle on No. 17 and a birdie on the last hole.

Grady holds off Black for \$180,000 first prize

HARRISON, N.Y., June 12, (Reuter)—Wayne Grady of Australia sank a birdie putt on the final hole of regulation play to secure a tie and did it again on the first extra hole to win the one-million-dollar Westchester Golf Classic yesterday.

The victory at this tune-up for next week's US Open was Grady's first in five years on the PGA Tour and was worth \$180,000.

Grady's final round, at one-over-par 72 his worst of the week, was good enough for 277 and a tie with American Ronnie Black, who moved into contention with a three-under-par 68 and watched from the clubhouse as victory took shape and dissolved.

The 31-year-old Queensland native had held the lead all day until bogeying the 16th and 17th holes to drop a stroke behind Black, who already had finished with a three-under-par 68.

But Grady regained his composure to sink a 10-foot birdie on the par-five 18th.

On the first extra hole, a short par-four, Grady got his approach shot to within five feet and again sank his birdie putt. Black's approach ran to the back fringe and his first putt stopped three feet short of the cup.

"I really started to play well about six weeks ago at Dallas and it's just gotten a little bit better each week," said Grady.

"I must say though, this probably is the best putting round I've had in a long time."

Black earned \$108,000 for second place.

Tom Watson, with one of his finest putting tournaments of the year, shot a final-round 68 for a six-under-par 278 and tied with clearance rose for third place. Tom Kite, Fred Couples, J.C. and Billy Andrade all tied for fifth place at 279.

Parry defeats Woosnam

RICKMANSWORTH, England, June 12, (Reuter)—Australian Craig Parry beat Welshman Ian Woosnam at the first hole of a sudden death play-off to win the four stars golf tournament at Moor Park yesterday.

Parry, third in the British PGA Championship two weeks ago, became the sixth first-time winner on the European Tour this season with a birdie burst to take the £32,000 (\$49,600) winner's cheque.

Sipping a beer afterwards, he said: "It feels so good because I've had three near misses over here. Now my goal is to make Australia's Dunhill Cup team."

Parry birdied the 15th and 17th and then sank a 15-footer on the last to catch Ryder Cup player Woosnam on 273, 15 under par.

Kenyans dominate meeting

PORTSMOUTH, England, June 12, (Reuter)—Olympic champion Paul Ereng stamped his class on an international 800 metres race here yesterday, powering home nearly two seconds ahead of a respectable field.

The 21-year-old Kenyan won in one minute 45.66 seconds with Britons Tony Morrell and Steve Crabb second and third in 1:47.42 and 1:47.68 respectively.

Ereng, almost unknown to international athletics until his stunning 1:43.45 Seoul triumph last September, kicked clear on the back straight after Steve Crabb had tried to set an early fast pace.

His long graceful stride took him effortlessly to the line, leaving the Britons straggling behind.

The meeting, a three-cornered contest between Britain, Hungary and an international selection, ended in triumph for the rest of the world who scored 149 points, against the home side's 143 with Hungary on 99.

Kenya heaped more punishment on the hosts in the 3,000 metres when Yobes Ondieki stormed home 40 seconds clear of world record holder Steve Cram after leading from the start.

Ondieki, who set a world best for five kms on the roads earlier this year, sprang away with a hare-like start, surging to a 65-second opening lap.

He finished in 7:42.19, with Cram trailing home second in 7:47.09 and Eamon Martin, also of Britain, third in 7:47.49.

"I did try to keep with him and kept expecting him to come back to the pack, but it just never happened," Cram said.

Kenya also dominated the 1,500 metres, won by Kip Cheruiot ahead of Olympic champion Peter Rono and the 3,000 metres steeplechase where Olympic silver medalist Peter Koeh came home in front.

British Olympic 100 metres silver medalist Linford Christie, who missed the start of the season with a foot injury, won comfortably in 10.45 seconds despite a weight gain.

Robin Hood hits birdies for \$62,500

HIGH POINT, N.C., June 12, (Reuter)—American Robin Hood became the LPGA's fourth first-time winner this year by earning 16 points in the final round of the \$400,000 Pat Bradley golf tournament to take first place by four points.

Hood, a second-year player, had six birdies and two bogeys for her total, scored under the modified Stableford system in which points are awarded for birdies and eagles and deducted for bogeys and double bogeys.

"It was a big advantage to go out first," said Hood, who was with the first group out yesterday morning. "No one was going to push me and force me to make birdies."

The win was worth \$62,500.

The only players in contention were Patti Rizzo and Kathy Postlewait, who finished tied for second and earned \$30,000, and Laura Baugh, who bogeyed her 18th hole and collected \$19,000 for fourth place.

The foreign contingent was well back, led by Australia's Jane Crafter with one point. Ayako Okamoto of Japan had nil and countryman Yulka Irie minus five.

Dean going home for knee operation

MELBOURNE, June 12, (Reuter)—England flyhalf Rob Andrew is to fly to Australia to replace injured Paul Dean, who has been ruled out of the British Lions Rugby Union tour after only one match.

Irishman Dean is returning home for an operation after injuring his knee in the Lions' 44-0 victory over Western Australia in Perth on Saturday.

Lions manager Clive Rowlands said Dean had suffered cartilage damage. "Obviously, it's a blow to the young man and to the team," he told Reuters.

Andrew, an outstanding performer as a student at Cambridge University, has still to fulfil his potential at international level. A neat and intelligent player, he has lacked consistency, particularly with his kicking.

He was a member of the England side which beat Australia 28-19 at Twickenham in November.

The Lions play Australia's B team on Wednesday in the second game of their 12-match tour. The first of three Tests is on July 1.



Anatoly Karpov

Vaganian moves into 2nd place

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 12, (AP)—Raphael Vaganian defeated fellow Soviet grandmaster Arthur Yusupov in a postponed fourth-round game to become the runner-up in the fifth tournament of the World Chess Cup series yesterday.

Playing black from a queen's gambit, Vaganian blocked white's early attempt on the queenside, forced Yusupov to switch to the other side of the board at the cost of a pawn, and stood his ground with superb defensive play.

A series of exchanges left the Armenian grandmaster with an extra pawn that decided the encounter in an easy endgame.

Vaganian's victory boosted his score to four points, but he was still one full point below former world champion Anatoly Karpov, leading the standings with four victories and two draws.

Karpov was clearly headed for the tournament victory, he needs to come alongside reigning world champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union in the lead position to contend for the World Cup.

Only one other game from the previous rounds was completed yesterday. Jaan Elfvist of the Soviet Union and Holland's Jan Timman split the point after 78 moves in the resumption of their adjourned encounter from Friday's play.

Roche wins superbike race

BRAINERD, Minn., June 12, (Reuter)—Frenchman Raymond Roche, who had never won a World Superbike Championship motorcycle race before, won two yesterday to sweep the US round of the international series at Brainerd International Raceway.

Roche, riding a red Ducati, stayed with the leading group through 16 laps of the first 20-lap race around the three-mile road course before moving in front to stay.

Cameraman killed

PARIS, June 12, (Reuter)—A French television cameraman died after being hit by a truck during the last stages of a truck rally from France to Sierra Leone, his company said yesterday.

Vincent Albasini, 27, died in the night after the accident during the gruelling desert rally from Clermont-Ferrand in the south of France to Freetown. La Cinq television station said.

Olympic champion grows up

LAS VEGAS, June 12, (Reuter)—There is no way Robert Wangle could still fool Nairobi police into believing he is too small to be the street tough they wanted to arrest a few years ago.

Wangle, Kenya's first Olympic gold medalist in boxing who was to take on his fourth professional opponent on the card of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Thomas Hearns bout this evening, is a lot bigger now than the skinny kid who was beating up all those bigger guys in Nairobi.

Wangle, 22, was to step up in competition this evening by fighting American Buck Smith, who is 22-1-1 as a professional in a scheduled six-round welterweight bout.

Wangle has sculpted an impressive body on his five-foot, nine-inch (175.25 cm) frame as he also concentrates on learning the professional boxing style which is much different than the "one, two and a kick," he said he used to win his street fights.

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Hearn's stoic about brother's arrest

LAS VEGAS, June 12, (Reuter)—Thomas Hearns will not allow his title fight with Sugar Ray Leonard this evening to be affected by the arrest of his brother in the shooting death of a woman whose body was found at Hearn's home in a Detroit suburb, promoter Bob Arum said yesterday.

"I tried to console him, but he didn't want to hear it," Arum said of Hearn, 30. "I would describe him as steady. He said, 'I've been waiting eight years for this fight and nothing is going to keep me from knocking him out.'"

Arum said Hearn's youngest brother Henry is under arrest and was probably to be arraigned today in the death of a 20-year-old woman whose body was found in the fighter's home in southfield, a suburb of Detroit.

Arum said: "Four to six guys," had been charged in the shooting, which occurred on Saturday night.

Hearn's mother Lois, in Las Vegas for the fight, originally had planned to return to Detroit to be with Henry, but after Thomas asked her to stay another brother and a sister went home instead, Arum said.

Kuwait surfers dominate Al Barez International Regatta

KUWAIT'S surfers swept the board at the Al Barez International Windsurfing Regatta, held in Bahrain over the weekend.

Abdul Rahman Bahman came first, Mike Quinn second, Wouly De Bie third, Steve Kelly fourth and Gummerbach 11th as the surfers from ten different countries found honours hard to come by against Kuwait's competitors, who left all of them in their wake.

Abdul Rahman, Quinn, Gummerbach and De Bie were sponsored by the Qabazard Marine Equipment Company while Steve Kelly was without a sponsor.

The competition was a five-race event, with points being counted for four and racers allowed to drop their worst result. There were three races scheduled for the first day and two for the second.

In the first race, on Thursday, there was hardly any wind as the competitors got into action. Mike Quinn won the race by finishing ahead of the other 18 racers in the long board division one and two.

Abdul Rahman took second place in this race while De Bie was third and Kelly fourth.

By the time the second race started, the wind had picked up and was nearly Force 4 when the competitors got into action. Abdul Rahman and De Bie were



Abdul Rahman leading in one of the races.

off to a very good start while Quinn fell into the water.

Abdul Rahman did not let the other racers catch him and finished far ahead of them in first place. De Bie and Kelly battled hard for second place with the former finishing marginally ahead of his rival.

Quinn recovered from his disastrous start to take fifth position but Gummerbach failed to finish.

Abdul Rahman, who has been surfing for nearly seven years and learnt the sport in Kuwait, got a bad start in the third race as the wind reached Force Six. De Bie

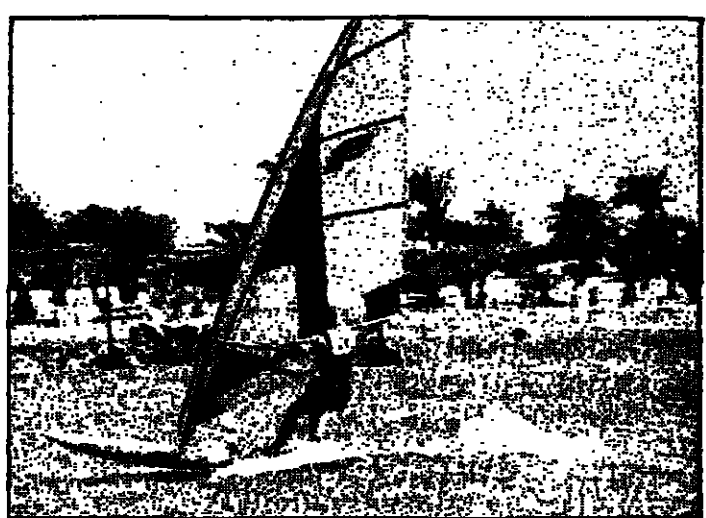
was also in a bad position at the start while Quinn found things to his liking as the race got under way.

Abdul Rahman, who represented Kuwait at the 1986 Asian Games in Seoul but without a win in an international event, made some tactical moves and overlapped Kelly on the first leg. The gap between these two increased as the race progressed and Abdul Rahman finished an easy winner.

Kelly took second place race while De Bie secured third position. Quinn, who damaged his equipment during the race when his board hit a submerged rock, took fifth place.

On Friday, things went Abdul Rahman's way again when he won the fourth race to clinch the title. He had by now collected enough points to leave others no chance of catching him.

De Bie finished second, Quinn was third, Kelly fourth and Gummerbach eighth. There was hardly any wind throughout the race.



Quinn in action in the first race

third and Quinn fourth. The difference of points between them was marginally and the overall result depended on this race.

De Bie had a bad start as the competitors got into action with Kelly getting a good start. Quinn, however, lapped Kelly during the race to take first place.

Kelly finished in second place. De Bie fourth and Gummerbach 11th. This result changed the overall positions of the championship with Quinn collecting enough points to finish second overall. De Bie just dropped one place to take third position while Kelly ended the event fourth.

Abdul Rahman, who watched the race from the shore, said that his victory had not come easily and that the competition on the modified Olympic course had been strong and fierce. He used a Fanatic Lite Cat, with a 6.8 Art sail, in this event. This board is considered the fastest available and is excellent on the reaches, going upwind, and turns.

Quinn, who used a Fanatic Viper with a 6.8 Art sail, took up the sport 61/2 years ago while De Bie, using the same equipment as Abdul Rahman, has been competing in surfing events for the last 1 1/2 years.

De Bie, who played water polo for the Netherlands, is now the coach of the Kuwait junior water polo squad.



Wouly De Bie

Kelly, who used a Mistral Competition with a 6.4 Gastral sail, has been in the sport for nearly five years while Gummerbach shares his 12 years experience on the surf with his colleagues.

The regatta was held by the Bahrain Yachting Club and the event drew competitors from Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, France, Spain, Kuwait, Germany, Netherlands and Ireland.

The Kuwaiti competitors were full of praise for Kuwait Airways, who helped transport the equipment.



Surfers from different countries vie for superiority during one of the races.

Johnson admits taking steroids

TORONTO, June 12, (Reuters): Sprinter Ben Johnson admitted to a government inquiry today that he knowingly used banned steroids to build himself into the world's fastest man.

Rubbing his eyes and speaking at times in a stammer, Johnson confessed for the first time since being stripped of his gold medal at last year's Seoul Olympics that he was aware he was taking illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

His testimony was halted for a recess as he finished discussing his career up to 1983. He has so far not testified about the 1988 Games.

The 27-year-old sprinter told the inquiry that in 1981 and 1982 he took the banned steroid pills Dianabol and Winstrol, a form of the steroid Stanozolol, given to him by trainer Charlie Francis without at first knowing what they were.

Then inquiry commission attorney Robert Armstrong asked Johnson: "You became aware... (in 1983) that the drugs you were taking were something called steroids?"

"Yes," Johnson replied. "And you became aware at that time that Dianabol, the blue pills, were steroids?"

"Yes." "And that the Winstrol tablets — the blue pills — were steroids?"

"Yes." "And you, of course, became aware that steroids were drugs that were banned and that if you took a test and it was found you had them in your system, that you'd be disqualified?"

"Yes." As he started his testimony, Johnson appeared at first to put the blame on his coach, Charlie Francis, saying: "If he gave me something to take, I take it. No one told me they were banned."

"Charlie was my coach and he said to take it," Johnson told the hearing into drug use in sport which was set up after his disqualification created the worst scandal in Olympic history.

Johnson seemed subdued as he took the witness stand after swearing on a Bible to tell the truth.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Champions Trophy

WEST BERLIN, June 12, (Reuters): Result of the third day of the 11th Champions' Cup Trophy hockey tournament on Monday: West Germany beat Britain 2-1 (half-time 2-0). Scores: West Germany — Stefan Blocher (14th minute), Carsten Fischer (31st, penalty stroke), Britain — Rob Thompson (43rd).

World basketball

PULA, Yugoslavia, June 12, (Reuters): The World Basketball Championships, scheduled for Argentina next year, are in serious doubt and may have to be moved, a top official said today. "We have had very little information from Argentina and that which we have does not favour the possibility of holding the championships there," Borislav Stankovic, general secretary of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) said.

Spanish title

MADRID, June 12, (Reuters): Real Madrid won their fourth consecutive Spanish League title yesterday, crushing Espanol 3-0 in a regal display of attacking football.

Dubai Classic

DUBAI POOL: John Parrott and Stephen Hendry, the bright young stars eagerly reaching for the peak in professional snooker, will head the multi-talented line-up in the £200,000 (Dh1.15 million) Dubai Classic to be staged later this year.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club End of the Year Tournament on Monday, June 6.

1. Bianca Moussali & Marie Losamati

2. Camilla Guirguis & Nicole Iskander

3. Hala Hourri & Naila Qasim

4. Jamila Akel & Margaret Rob-Whitaker

5. Nabil Akel & Nida Khalaf

6. Khouda Tanas & Camille Sawabini

Players of the Year

1. Nabil Akel

2. Lolli Murthwaite

3. Margaret Rob-Whitaker

Results of the Huhara Bridge Club game held on Saturday:

1. Ghunaim & Faud Ibrahim

2. Mukerjee & Chaudhry

3. Mrs Moussali & Tawil Ahmed

4. Dr Omar & Ibrahim

5. John & Menon

6. Ghazi & Yasin

Preparations for 1990 Asian Games going on smoothly

THE 11th Asian Games scheduled to be held in Beijing in 1990 will be held without any hindrance and all preparations are going on smoothly, the Chinese Olympic Committee (COC) said yesterday.

COC president He Zhenliang added that Asian Handball Championships scheduled for August this year will also be

held as planned and preparations for this championships are in full swing.

In reply to a telex from the Olympic Council of Asia president Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah the COC president also said that the situation following the recent turmoil in Beijing has already become stable, "the public life has returned to normal

and everything in good order."

Sheikh Fahd had expressed his concern over the situation in China through his telex since he had received a number of enquiries from various OCA member countries and international sports federations. He had also enquired if it could be possible for China to hold both the Asian

Handball Championships in August and the Asian in 1990 under the present situation there.

In his telex, Zhenliang thanked Sheikh Fahd for his concern for the sports situation in China and welcomed him to Beijing for the Asian Handball Championships.

Aussies lead England by 329 runs

Border unhappy as umpires force early close

LEEDS, England, June 12, (Reuters): Australia, their sights on a last-day declaration to force victory in the first Test, led England by 329 when umpires David Shepherd and John Holder controversially brought the fourth day's play to a close at Headingley today.

Australia's chase for quick runs in poor light and drizzle was cut short with three overs remaining when the umpires halted play, despite Australian captain Allan Border clearly wanting to continue batting with partner Dean Jones.

Border had twice turned down an offer from the umpires to go off for bad light. But with the England players turning towards the pavilion, Shepherd and Holder finally took the matter into their own hands by ordering everyone off.

Australia's skipper was far from happy about the decision, and remained at the crease talking to Holder and pointing at the sky before eventually leaving the field.

Border, leading by example with a vigorous 31 not out, opener Mark Taylor, who hit 60, and David Boon, with 43, had



Taylor eyes the ball before dispatching it to the boundary.

spurred Australia — 171 ahead on first innings — to 158 for three at the close after England saved the follow on by scoring 430.

Allan Lamb, 103 overnight in an England score of 284 for four, attacked Australia's bowling from the start on a good Headingley wicket taking boundaries off the first and fourth deliveries.

He was well-backed by Robin Smith, who began on 16 and took six runs off the first over he faced. But with his score on 125 and England on 323, Lamb pushed a Terry Alderman delivery with pad and glove to the waiting hands of David Boon at short leg.

His innings, including 24 boundaries, had salvaged England's pride.

Essex all-rounder Derek Pringle, survived only 20 minutes, scoring six runs, before falling lbw to give Greg Campbell his first Test wicket with the score on 338.

England were shaken, but Smith batted steadily for his half century, going into lunch on 63.

The home side lost their last four wickets for 42 runs in the afternoon session with Alderman, on sparkling form, taking five wickets in the innings for 107 runs off 37 overs.

He had Smith, who scored a useful 66, out with the score on 397 and Phil DeFreitas also leg before for one run.

Geoff Lawson scooped the other two England wickets of the afternoon, having Phil Newport caught by David Boon and Jack

Russell by Geoffrey Marsh.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 601 for seven declared (S. Waugh 177 not out, M. Taylor 136, D. Jones 79, M. Hughes 71, A. Border 66)

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 284 for four)

G. Gooch lbw b Alderman 13

C. Broad b Hughes 37

K. Barnett lbw b Alderman 80

A. Lamb c Boon b Alderman 125

D. Gower c Healy b Lawson 26

R. Smith lbw b Alderman 66

D. Pringle lbw b Campbell 6

P. Newport c Boon b Lawson 36

J. Russell c Marsh b Lawson 15

P. DeFreitas lbw b Alderman 1

N. Foster not out 2

Extras (b-5 lb-7 w-1 nb-10) 23

Total 430

Fall of wickets: 1-35 2-81 3-195 4-243 5-323 6-338 7-392 8-421 9-424

Bowling: Alderman 37-7-107-5, Lawson 34.5-6-105-3, Campbell 14-0-82-1, Hughes 28-7-82-1, Waugh 6-2-27-0, Border 2-1-5-0

AUSTRALIA second innings

M. Taylor c Broad b Pringle 60

G. Marsh c Russell b Foster 6

D. Boon lbw b DeFreitas 43

A. Border not out 31

D. Jones not out 12

Extras (lb-1 w-1 nb-4) 6

Total (for three wickets) 158 - close

Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-97 3-129

Bowling to date: Foster 16-4-49-1, DeFreitas 15-2-54-1, Pringle 9-1-32-1, Newport 5-2-22-0

Six-wicket Jarvis wrecks Somerset

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): Yorkshire's Paul Jarvis answered his snub by the England selectors by producing a personal Sunday League best of six for 27 to set up a thrilling 19-run victory over Somerset at Taunton.

Ignored for England's opening Test against Australia, the 23-year-old fast bowler, who claimed 14 wickets in championship matches during the week, destroyed Somerset as they chased Yorkshire's 184 for nine in their 40 overs.

Five of his victims were bowled, the last four of them at a cost of only two runs in a devastating 10-ball spell as Somerset were dismissed for 165.

Earlier Richard Blakey had

struck his fourth half century in six Sunday starts this summer with an innings of 78 off only 94 balls which rescued Yorkshire after they had been reduced to 21 for three.

Pregnant Wendy Jarvis spared Somerset's labouring batsmen more pain today. After taking two wickets in five balls, Jarvis had to quit the match to race to his wife's bedside.

Indian Test all-rounder Ravi Shastri hammered 92 and then grabbed three wickets as Glamorgan beat Middlesex by 37 runs at Merthyr Tydfil.

Shastri hit six sixes, four off the bowling of discarded England spinner John Emburey, and their spin bowler.

Shastri took three for 33 and Ontong three for 32 as Middlesex

South African Rodney Ontong weighed in with a rapid 32 as Glamorgan reached 209 for six.

Ontong also took three wickets as he and Shastri kept the Middlesex batsmen in check with

twins brother of Australian century-maker Steve, had not been run out for 20 when he was batting confidently.

Standings

English Sunday League cricket table after yesterday's matches (tabulated under — played, won, lost, tied result, no result, points)					
Essex	7	6	1	0	0 24
Lancashire	7	5	1	0	1 22
Surrey	7	5	3	0	0 20
Hampshire	7	4	2	1	0 18
Northants	6	4	1	0	1 18
Middlesex	7	3	3	1	0 14
Worcester	6	3	2	0	1 14
Yorkshire	6	3	3	0	0 12
Sussex	6	2	3	0	1 10
Warwickshire	6	2	3	1	0 10
Leicestershire	7	2	4	0	1 10
Notts	6	2	3	0	1 10
Gloucester	6	2	4	0	0 8
Kent	6	2	4	0	0 8
Derbyshire	5	1	3	0	0 6
Glamorgan	6	1	4	0	1 6
Somerset	6	1	4	0	0 6

were all out for 172.

Essex, who had won all six of their previous Sunday League matches, were brought down to earth by Surrey at the Oval.

Surrey managed only a modest total of 192 but fine fielding and tight bowling always had Essex under pressure.

However it might have been a different story if Mark Waugh,

Robson not quitting England soccer job

LONDON, June 12, (UPI): Bobby Robson is expected to continue in his role as England manager despite rumours that he might quit due to newspaper revelations about his private life.

The 56-year-old England boss is alleged to have had a six-year affair with a stunning redhead, divorcee Pauline Ridal, which ended when she lost his child through a miscarriage.

Robson was in talks today with Football Association chairman Bert Millichip and chairman of the FA international committee Dick Wragg.

But the FA says it is not putting any pressure on Robson to resign. A spokesman said today: "We are aware of this situation. But it is a private matter for Mr Robson to deal with."

Robson's first reported reaction to the highly controversial allegations was: "I will have to resign over this."

Now it seems as if he'll be staying put. Robson, a father of three, has had time to talk with Elsie, his wife of 34 years and later today was due to have a press conference to confirm that

he was not quitting.

The news conference was to take place close to the England training headquarters at Bisham Abbey in Buckinghamshire.

The alleged scandal has blown up at a time when Robson has been enjoying his most successful spell as England manager since he took over the demanding job eight years ago from Ron Greenwood.

England has just finished its first season undefeated for the first time in 14 years and public opinion regarding Robson is now at an all time high among supporters compared to last year's vociferous campaign by many of the England fans to oust him after the side's disastrous displays in the European Championships.

Meanwhile, one of Europe's most feared centre forwards and England's deadliest, Gary Linaker, is this week set to sign for London giants Tottenham Hotspur in a \$2.3 million deal.

The 28-year-old striker looks likely to rejoin his former manager Terry Venables who was head coach at Barcelona.

Llewellyn extends lead

GLASGOW, June 12: Welshman David Llewellyn in a Toyota Celica GT4 extended his lead in the Scottish International Rally yesterday after challenger Sebastian Lindholm tangled his Lancia Delta Integrale in the trees.

Just four seconds had separated the two at the end of the first day and Lindholm took the lead briefly when Llewellyn faltered with an electrical problem yesterday morning.

But the pressure that exists at the front in this European Championship event pushed the Finn into an error on the very next

stage, leaving the Lancia too badly damaged to recover.

Meanwhile, Dubai's Sheikh Ahmed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum in an Emirates-sponsored Mitsubishi Galant was making progress through the field as the rally headed south from Glasgow, through the picturesque Tweed Valley to the overnight rest halt at Castle Douglas.

Lying in 27th place from the 120 starters after the first leg on Saturday, the young fighter pilot had guided his Group N car into 21st spot overall — and seventh in his group of 37 — near the close of yesterday's activities.



Chang jubilates after he beat Edberg. (Reuters wirephoto)

Teenagers steal glory at French tournament

PARIS, June 12, (Reuters): The teenagers who turned the clay courts of Roland Garros into a playground are pointing the way to a generation change in men's and women's tennis.

Michael Chang and Arantxa Sanchez, both 17 and figuring on few lists of potential victors at the start of the French Open two weeks ago, walked off with the men's and women's singles titles as the youngest champions of all time in Paris.

Both owed their triumphs to the self-confidence of youth, a never-say-die spirit on court and an ability to endure long stamina-sapping matches on clay, the most tiring surface players face on the international circuit.

Chang, who came from two sets down to beat world number one Ivan Lendl in the fourth round and from two sets to one and a break down to beat Stefan Edberg in the final, showed amazing resistance for one so young.

To win his seven matches, he needed more than 21 hours on court and seemed close to exhaustion several times. He could barely stand or serve in the fifth set of his match with Lendl when he suffered a severe attack of cramps.

After his four-hour semifinal with Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union he was so tired he could not appear at his post-match news conference for two and a half hours.

But Chang still looked surprisingly fresh in his fifth set against Swede Edberg, the world number three, for which he has to thank the faster recovery time teenagers enjoy.

Sanchez was given little chance of beating the queen of the women's circuit Steffi Graf who was aiming for her sixth consecutive Grand Slam title.

But the Spaniard refused to accept the victim's role on centre court and, by thinking positively about her chances of victory and going for her shots, did the unimaginable to beat the West German.

Chang, who had just moved into the world's top 20, and Sanchez, a newcomer in the women's first 10, are clearly players with a great future.

But behind them are a growing band of young players bent on overturning the established order in tennis.

In the men's game, 20-year-old quarterfinalist Alberto Mancini, his compatriot Guillermo Perez-Roldan, 19, and two 18-year-olds who reached the fourth round — American Jim Courier and Sergio Bruguera of Spain — are set to make a big impact, especially on the clay court.

Goran Ivanisevic, tall, 17 and from Yugoslavia, went as far before losing to Edberg and could soon emerge as a threat to the best on any surface.

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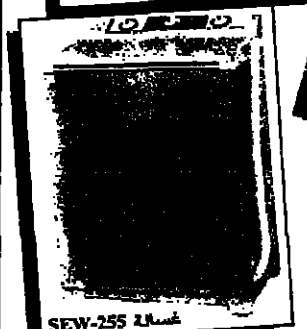
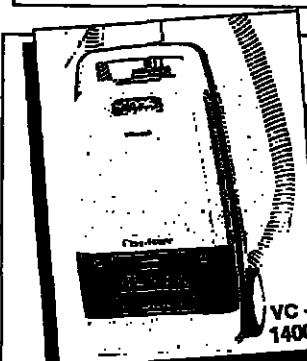
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